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St. Matthew Catholic Church

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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 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 preparation 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.

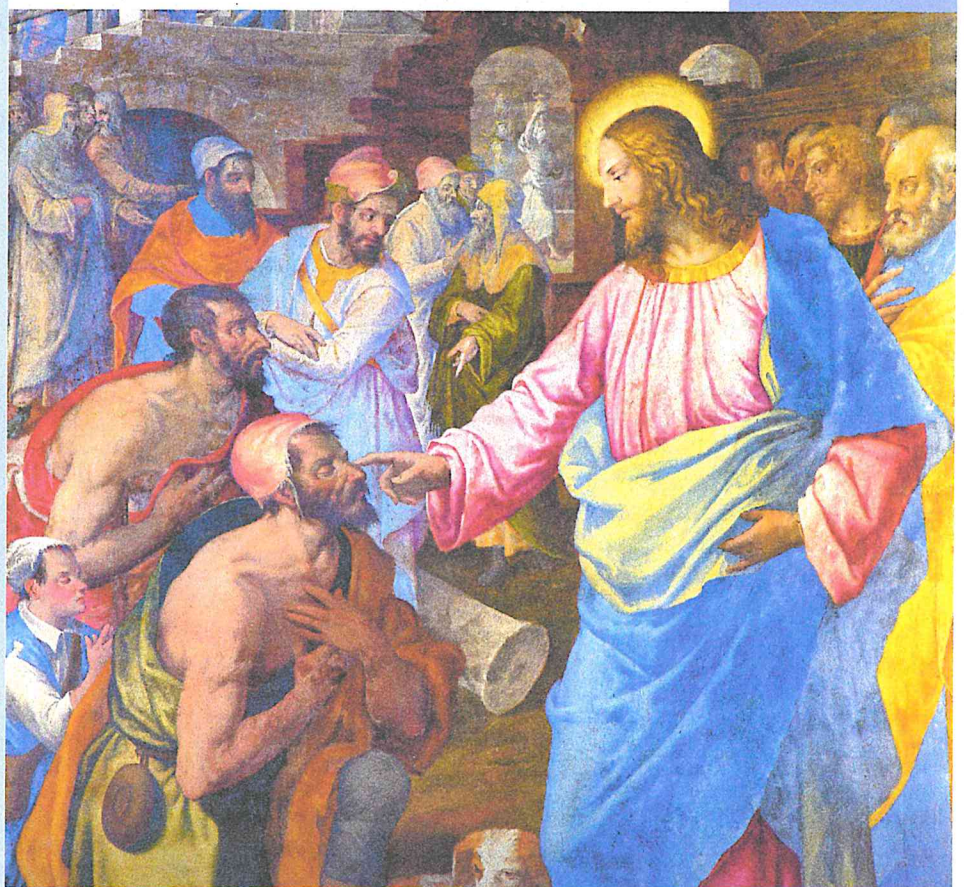
CATHOLIC EAGLES
GSU students: For information on bible studies, events, and retreats contact our FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Team Director David Wentworth at: david.wentworth@focus.org.

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. 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.

Oct. 24 2021



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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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.

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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 17, 2021	\$4,652.87
Online Giving	\$2,347.91
Total	\$7,000.78

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:
Oct. 24 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+George Lambie Bergin Wedding Anniversary
Oct. 25 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass 6:30 pm PCCW Meeting	
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	+Roy Lee Rice
Oct. 21 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 22 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 23 Sat.	4 pm Confessions 5 pm Spanish Mass	

Readings for the week of Oct. 24, 2021

Sun: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
 Mon: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
 Tues: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
 Wed: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
 Thurs: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
 Fri: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Sat: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sun: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Boxes of Joy



The "Box of Joy" should be returned to St. Matthew Catholic Church by Sunday, October 31, 2021.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Area Christians Together in Service (ACTS), an interfaith ministry providing emergency assistance (rent, utilities, etc) to Bulloch County residents is in need of Volunteers. Volunteer roles include assisting clients with their applications, interviewing clients, and office support (answering phones, data entry, record keeping, etc). ACTS has reopened their office and is accepting in-person applications for assistance on Wednesdays between 9am and 11am. Pre-Covid, ACTS was open on Wednesdays and Fridays but due to a lack of available volunteers has had to cut back to only one day per week. Plans are to reopen on Fridays when enough volunteers are available. Volunteers can work one or two days per week for approximately 3 hours each day (8:45am-11:45am). Schedules are flexible to allow for volunteers to have time off when needed. The office is located in the Outreach Center, 515 Denmark Street, Ste 500, Statesboro. Those interested in volunteering can contact Beth Kadlec at eekadlec@gmail.com.

**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!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart. ©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!

**Masses on All Saints Day, Nov. 1
 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm**