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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

*Celebrate | Love | Share*

**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.

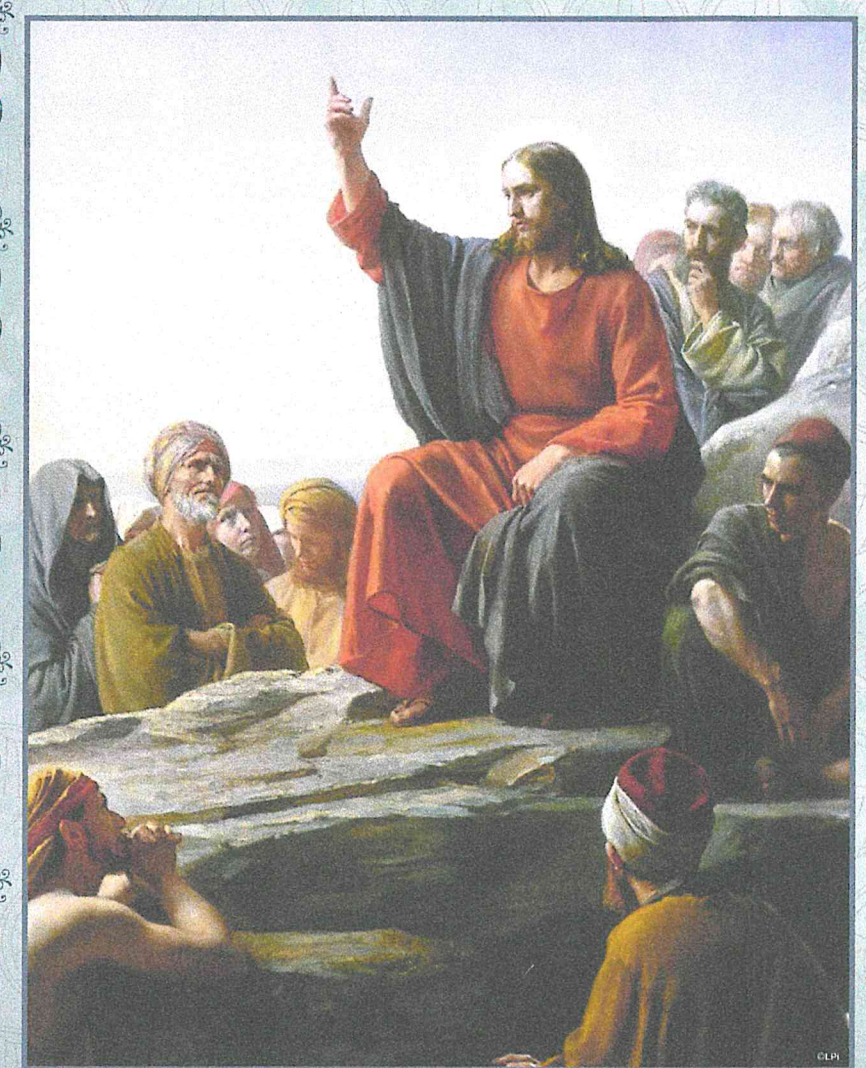
**CATHOLIC EAGLES**  
GSU students: For information on bible studies,  
events, and retreats contact our FOCUS  
(Fellowship of Catholic University Students)  
Team Director David Wentworth at:  
david.wentworth@focus.org.

**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.

**Oct.  
31  
2021**



**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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, Terri Beasley, Bill Bolen, Drew Brandon, Sylvia Brannen, Margaret Brewer, Claire Burton, 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, Lue Healy, 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, 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 24, 2021	\$3,526.81
Online Giving	\$2,182.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,709.72</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. 31 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+George Lambie +Dr. James Stephens
Nov. 1 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass 6:30 pm PCCW Meeting	
Nov. 2 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
Nov. 3 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
Nov. 4 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
Nov. 5 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Nov. 6 Sat.	4 pm Confessions 5 pm Spanish Mass	

**Readings for the week of Oct. 31, 2021**

Sun: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
 Mon: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
 Tues: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a  
 Wed: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33  
 Thurs: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10  
 Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8  
 Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15  
 Next Sun: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**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.

**Rosary for America—Thank You!**

The Consolation Ministry extends its gratitude to Fr. Johnson and the leaders of the Rosary for America offered at noon on October 16 at St. Matthew. We appreciate the following leaders:  
 Mr. James Bergin, representing the Consolation Ministry  
 Miss Anahy Hernandez, representing Lifeteens  
 Mrs. Kathryn Nicklay, representing the Parish Council of Catholic Women  
 Mrs. Marisela Hernandez, representing our Spanish speaking parishioners  
 Miss Lily Juarez, representing Catholic Eagles  
 We are particularly grateful to Ms. Helen Almeter for leading us in song, and Dr. Joyce Bergin for the flowers and decorations. In addition, we deeply appreciate those parishioners who joined us in asking Our Lady to intercede for healing on behalf of our nation.



**Food Pantry Needs**  
 The Parish Council of Catholic Women is collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving foods for the Statesboro Food Bank during November: canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, mashed potato flakes, pie fillings, gravy mix, cake mix, dry milk, cranberry sauce, and canned pumpkin. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex.

**GOD IS LIGHT,  
 AND IN HIM  
 THERE IS NO  
 DARKNESS AT ALL.**

1 JOHN 1:5

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"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God's devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God's primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. There is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God's presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God's kingdom. ©LPI



**A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
 on All Souls' Day  
 November 2, 2021, 7 p.m.**

We will honor parishioners or parishioners' family members who died between November 1, 2019 and October 31, 2021. The names of deceased individuals will be called during the Mass and the congregation will pray for the repose of their souls.