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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

Celebrate | Love | Share

**Jan.  
2  
2022**

**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 Train-  
ing 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.

**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.



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."  
- Mt 2:6b

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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, Cathy Orr, Bob Overlander, Brooks Padgett, Sandie Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Denton and Margie Rouse, Audrey Senecal Sidway, 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 Purpose:** To console those in grief, to support Masses for the deceased through the ministry's designated contributions, to pray for and with those who have suffered loss, and to pray the Rosary for comfort and healing.

**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@saintmatthewparish.com.

**Weekly Collection**

December 19, 2021 Offertory	\$12,460.18
Online Giving	\$2,217.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,677.18</b>

Due to an early Christmas week bulletin deadline, the offertory totals for the weekend of December 26th will be included in the January 9th bulletin.

**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:
Jan. 2 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Van Nguyen
Jan. 3 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass Office Closed	
Jan. 4 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
Jan. 5 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	
Jan. 6 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 12:10 pm Mass	+Neil Swickard
Jan. 7 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Jan. 8 Sat.	10 AM Solemnity of Mary 5 pm Spanish Mass (Sunday Vigil)	

**Readings for the week of Jan 2, 2022**

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



**An Hour of Prayer for Healing**

The Consolation Ministry members will be praying for comfort, healing, and hope the third Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Saint Matthew Catholic Church beginning January 15, 2022. Parishioners are invited to join the Ministry members to pray together.

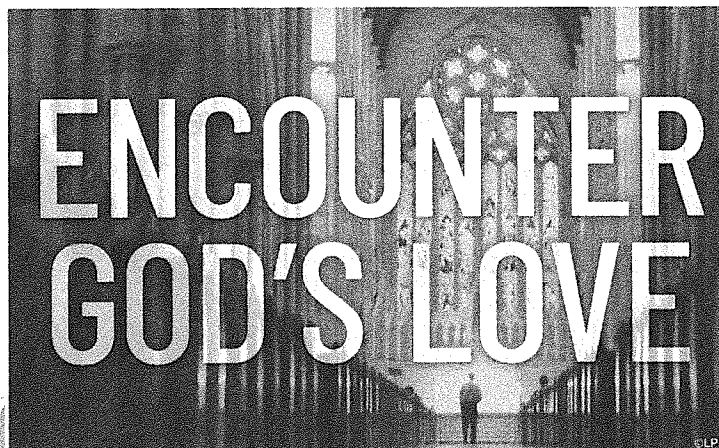
*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." —Philippians 4:6,7*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Parish Surveys available online and in print: January 9, 2022**

**Town Hall Listening Session: January 26, 2022 at 6 pm.**

**Religious Education Resumes on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 9 am.**



Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. When darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines—pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPI

**Thursday Morning Bible Study**

The present members of the Thursday Morning Bible Study are now finishing their study of the Letter to the Hebrews and will be returning on the first Thursday of 2022, January 6th, to begin a study of the Gospel according to Mark. At that point, they will welcome any other parishioners who are fully vaccinated and wish to join them at 10:30 am in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. The text which will be used for this study is the "The Gospel of Mark" by Mary Healy, part of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series. The easiest and quickest way to purchase a copy is through Amazon. If you are planning to come for the first time, please send me an email (tfninboro@gmail.com) so that we can be sure to have room enough for both old and new members. - Fr. Tom

