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Jan. 23 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 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.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

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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, 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, 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, Jose Irizarry, 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 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

January 16, 2022 Offertory	\$2,805.87
Online Giving	\$1,897.00
Total	\$4,702.87

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:
Jan. 23 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Tom Paul +Paul Girardeau
Jan. 24 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
Jan. 25 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	Elaina Kelly
Jan. 26 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	+Vera Fabrizio
Jan. 27 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
Jan. 28 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Jan. 29 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass (Sunday Vigil)	

Readings for the week of Jan 23, 2022

Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
 Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
 Tues: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
 Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
 Thurs: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
 Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
 Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
 Next Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

PCCW Meeting

The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022. Mark Yocco will be our guest speaker and will give a presentation on his journey to becoming a Spiritual Director.



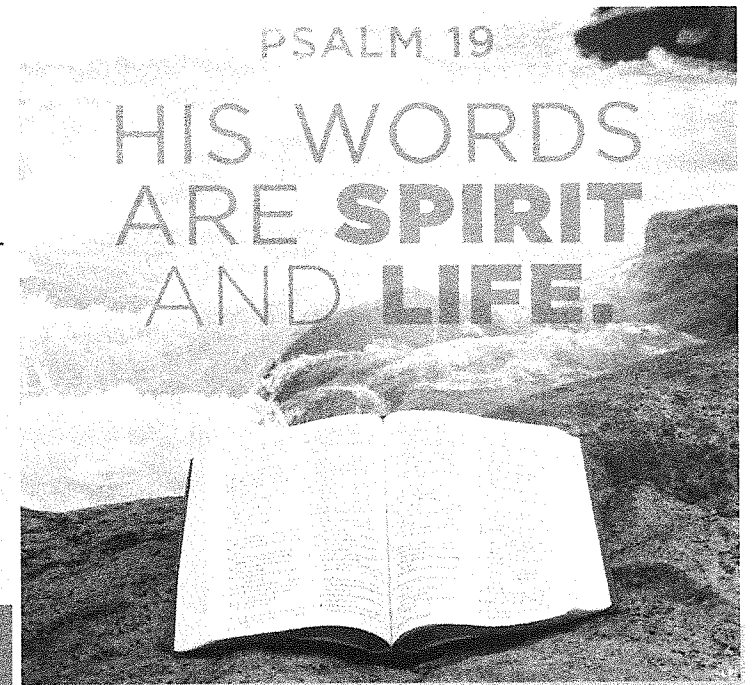
Parish Surveys available online Print copies are in the narthex or at the parish office. Please complete or return by Jan. 31, 2022.

Town Hall Listening Session: January 26, 2022

Potluck Dinner at 6 pm The parish will provide the main dish.

Listening Session at 6:30 pm in the church.

A nursery will be provided for children under age 3. A children's hour will be provided for those over age 4.



Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than if they had been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. When we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.