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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 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.

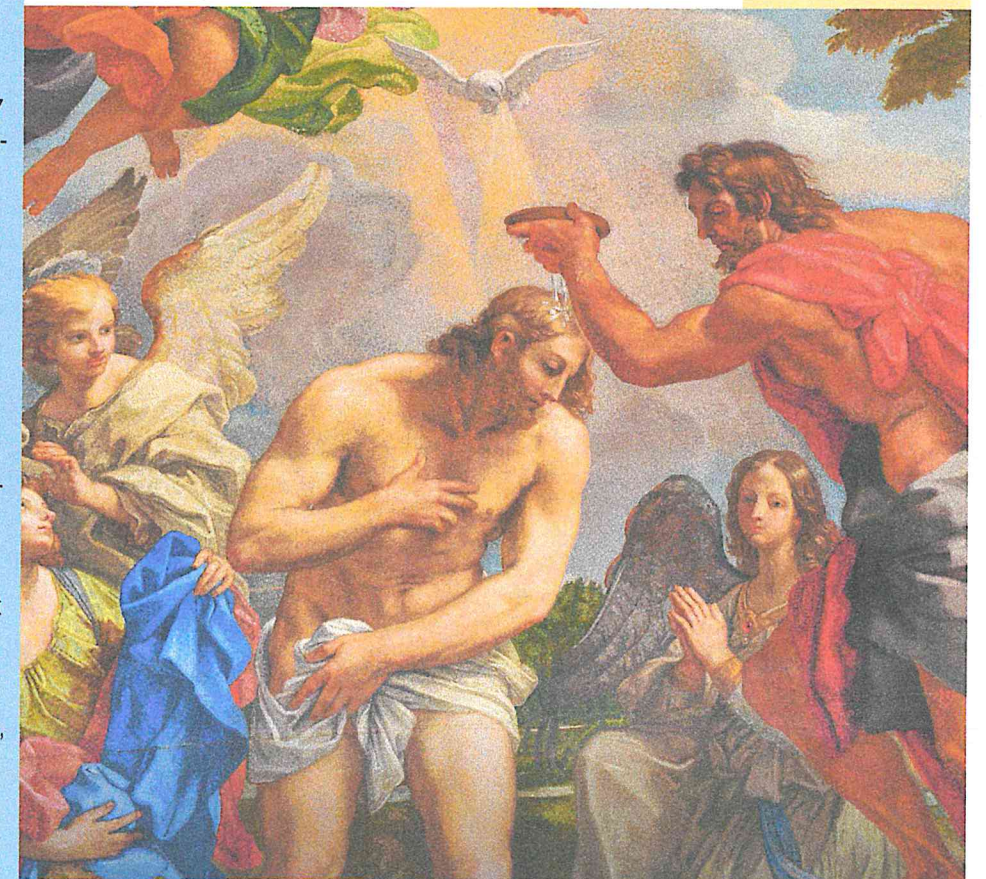
CATHOLIC EAGLES
GSU students: For information on bible studies,
events, and retreats contact our FOCUS
(Fellowship of Catholic University Students)
Team Director David Wentworth at:
david.wentworth@focus.org.

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.
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.

**Jan.
9
2022**



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also
had been baptized and was praying, heaven was
opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in
bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Please contact your parish representatives with questions, concerns, compliments, or ideas!

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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 26, 2021 Offertory \$5,820.05

January 2, 2022 Offertory \$5,649.87

Online Giving for both weeks \$7,730.78

Total \$19,200.70

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. 9 Sun. | 8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass | +Pat Hein +Calvin Shuman |
| Jan. 10 Mon. | 12:10 pm Mass | |
| Jan. 11 Tues. | 12:10 pm Mass 7 pm Parish Council Meeting | |
| Jan. 12 Wed. | 4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass | |
| Jan. 13 Thurs. | 8 am Men's Prayer Group 12:10 pm Mass | |
| Jan. 14 Fri. | 12:10 pm Mass | |
| Jan. 15 Sat. | 5 pm Spanish Mass (Sunday Vigil) | |

Readings for the week of Jan 9, 2022

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

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sun: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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

"The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you."

— St. Hilary —

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©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 returned 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 Nellis

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.