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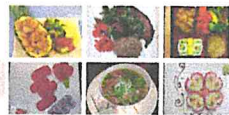
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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

*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 Cry  
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

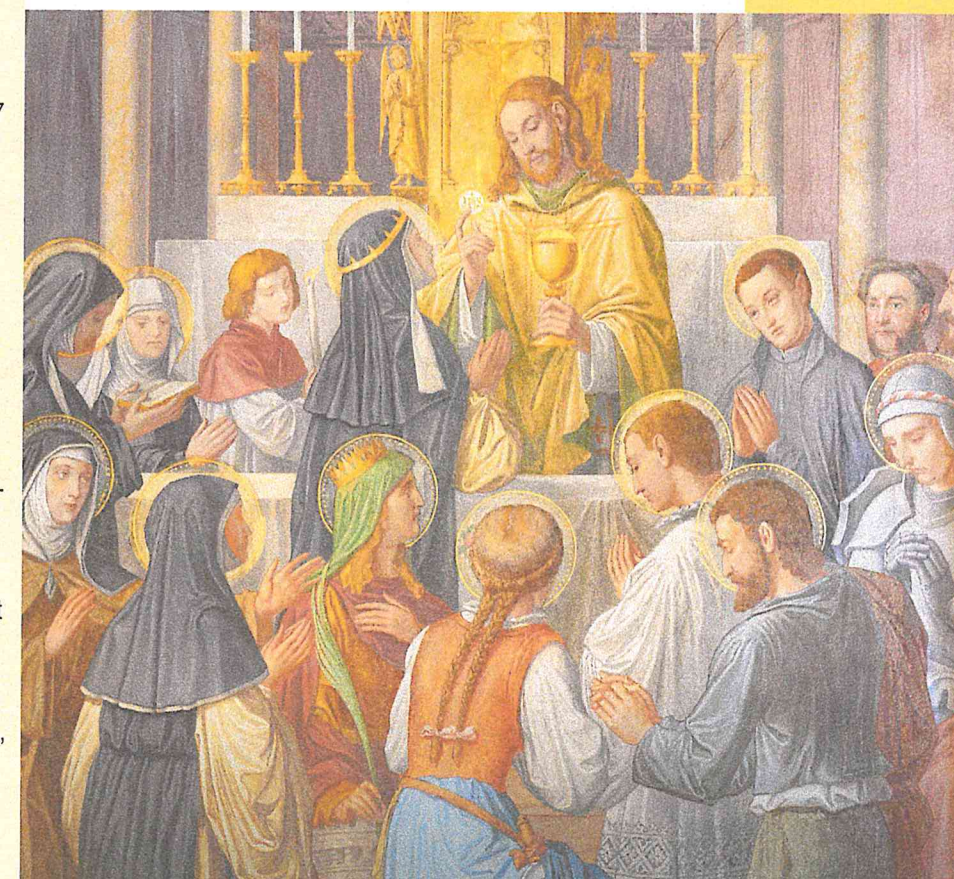
Welcome to the St. Matthew parish family! To  
register at St. Matthew parish, please fill out a  
registration form on the St. Matthew web  
site: [www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about).  
Forms are also available at the front entrances  
of the church. Persons 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.

**Feb.  
13  
2022**



**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh."  
- Lk 6:21

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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, Toni Haffev, 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.

#### 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@saintmatthewsparish.com.

#### Weekly Collection

February 6, 2022 Offertory	\$3,963.28
Online Giving	\$4,307.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,270.28</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).

Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Feb. 13 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Duke and +Bernice Downs +Calvin Shuman +Charlie Tolliver
Feb. 14 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
Feb. 15 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
Feb. 16 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 6 pm Potluck Dinner and Parish Nite talk	+Sheila Woosley
Feb. 17 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
Feb. 18 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Feb. 19 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass (Sunday Vigil)	

#### Readings for the week of Feb. 13, 2022

Sun: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26  
Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
Tues: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
Wed: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26  
Thurs: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33  
Fri: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34-9:1  
Sat: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13  
Next Sun: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

#### Nursery and Cry Room

Parents, we are working to put together a nursery staff rotation after a nearly two year hiatus. Once workers have been trained, successfully completed background checks, and have signed codes of conduct, we will re-open the nursery. Childcare for children ages 3 and under will be offered during the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. In the mean-time, the Cry Room is available for those who need to quiet a fussy baby or toddler. Thank you for teaching your children to seek Jesus and for your example of keeping the Sabbath holy!



#### Outreach Ministry Sunday

How do we reach out to those in need within our parish and community? Learn more about the Outreach Ministries today, at Hospitality today, Feb. 13, 2022.

#### PARISH NITE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022



CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL ACTS OF MERCY  
POTLUCK DINNER AT 6 PM  
TALK BEGINS AFTER THE MEAL.  
NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR AGES 3 AND UNDER  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY FOR THOSE OVER AGE 4.

#### Cookies for Caregivers!

Donations of cookies are needed. Drop off items by Sunday, February 13 to be included in Valentine's Day care packages for local hospital staff members.



The human heart will always find itself wanting unless it finds its rest in God. Many people haven't yet figured out that pursuing purely secular ideologies and interests and side-stepping their relationship with God causes them to fall short of their potential. When we seek our satisfaction, seek our strength, and establish priorities based entirely on the things of this world, we come up empty. There is never enough and we are always reaching for more. We develop distorted senses of justice, lose our moral axis, and lower our benchmarks for change, growth, and development. That is why knowing the beatitudes and God's vision they contain is so important. They remind us that our consumption, success-driven lives can actually hurt and exploit others; quickly moving us away from God's idea of how things need to be. God ultimately will set things straight. We can assist in that mission now by trusting, hoping, and looking to God for our cues for how to live, set goals for ourselves and discern the best way to share this world with our brothers and sisters. ©LPI

#### LIFETEEN Fundraisers TODAY !



The LIFETEEN group will be holding a bake sale at Hospitality Sunday, TODAY, to raise funds for the Diocesan Youth Conference trip in April. Purchase a treat to take home or to donate for our Cookies for Caregivers outreach. Each bag of

cookies will be priced at \$1. The teens will also be selling St. Matthew car stickers for \$5 each! Let everyone in town know you're a member of the best parish ever by sticking our logo on your back window.

