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Feb. 20 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 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 preparation sessions and a date for the wedding.

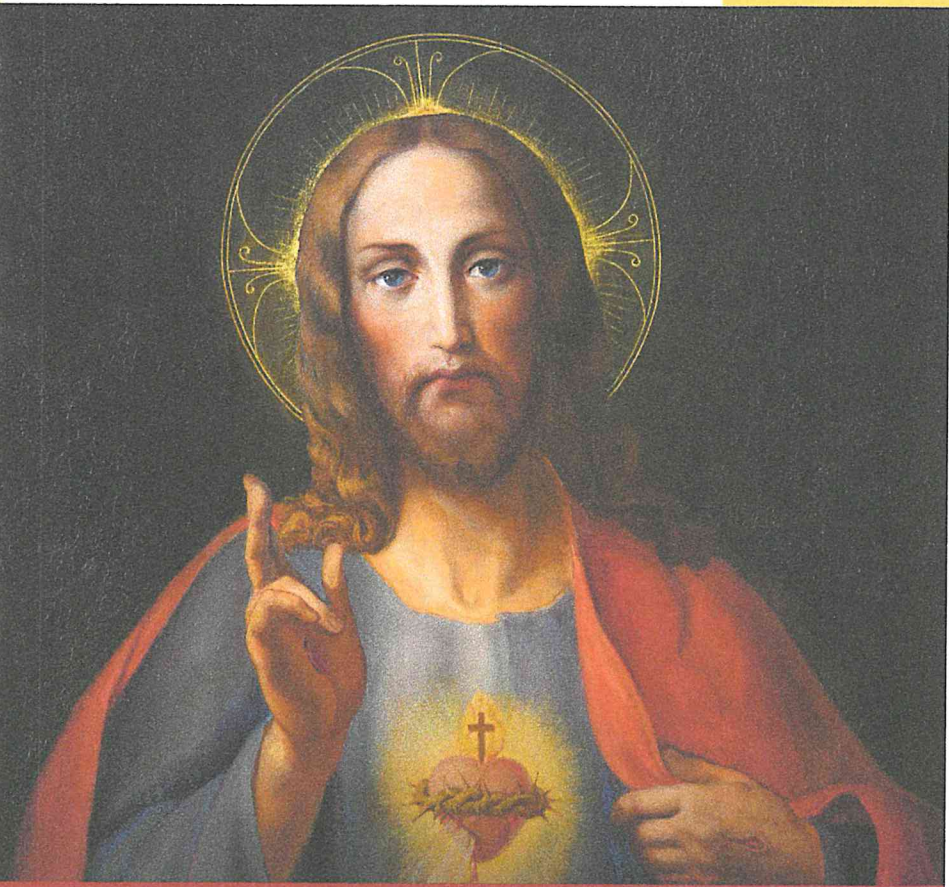
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Grades PreK through 8th meet on Sundays at 9 am, October 3, 2021- May 22, 2022.

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.



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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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 Strozso, 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@saintmatthewparish.com.

Weekly Collection

February 13, 2022 Offertory	\$3,033.10
Online Giving	\$2,649.00
Total	\$5,682.10

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

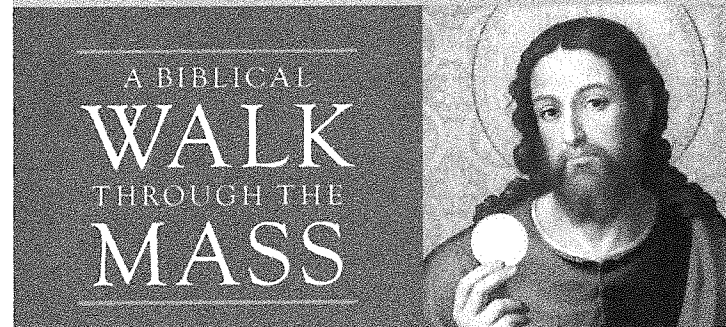
Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Feb. 20 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Carolyn Downs +Calvin Shuman
Feb. 21 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	+Charlie Terran
Feb. 22 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	+Frank Ponnet
Feb. 23 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	+Robert Roman
Feb. 24 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	Aborted children
Feb. 25 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	Wisdom for Supreme Court Justices
Feb. 26 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass (Sunday Vigil)	

Readings for the week of Feb. 20, 2022

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
 Mon: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
 Tues: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
 Wed: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
 Thurs: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
 Fri: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
 Sat: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
 Next Sun: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

LIFETEEN Thanks!

The LIFETEEN Bake Sale raised \$500 to help pay for the hotel costs for the Diocesan Youth Conference. Thank you to everyone who baked items for the sale or purchased goodies last Sunday. The remaining St. Matthew stickers are available to purchase in the parish office for \$5 each.



Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Join us this Lent as we delve into the beauty of the Catholic Mass.

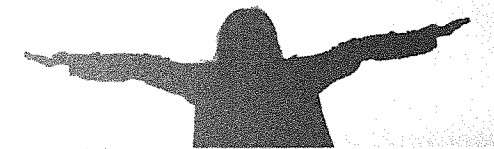
When: Every Wednesday of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2.

Dinner at 6 pm each week. The parish will provide the main meal and parishioners are asked to sign up ONCE to bring either a salad or dessert that serves approximately 10.

Time: Study session begins at 6:30 pm. A nursery will be provided for children ages 3 and under. A children's activity will be provided for those ages 4 and up.

Cost: A \$25 donation is suggested to help offset the student packet cost of \$27.

Registration: Sign-up online, in the Narthex, or at the parish office.



TO BELIEVE IN GOD,
WE HAVE TO ACT
LIKE GOD

"Love your enemies and do good to them." We have such a hard time with this teaching! However, it doesn't end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness, and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God's. That's a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things. ©LPI

Annual Catholic Appeal

The purpose of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is to help raise funds and carry out the mission of our Dioceses for ministries, programs, and offices. Our parish goal is \$46,711. The ACA provides funding for:

VOCATIONS: The ACA provides substantial funding for the education of seminarians presently studying for the priesthood. It also helps fund the Diaconate program.

EDUCATION MINISTRIES: Faith Formation Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry, Office of Catholic Schools, Eumenism, Marriage, Family, and Respect Life Offices.

RURAL MISSION PARISHES

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES: Deanery Social Services, Catholic Charities, and Family Advancement Ministries (Macon).

MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRIES: Hispanic Ministry and Black Catholic Ministry.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY: The Communications Office handles communications between the diocese and both the Catholic and secular communities in South Georgia and throughout the world. It provides a link between diocesan offices and parishes and the diocesan newspaper, The Southern Cross.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES: The Stewardship and Development Office and the Tribunal Office.