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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 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.

March 6 2022



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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, 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, 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 27, 2022 Offertory	\$3,213.10
Online Giving	\$3,477.00
Total	\$6,690.10

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/chilyouthprotection.

This Week at St. Matthew

Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Mar. 6 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Jan Grimm +Dr. Robert Stambuk
Mar. 7 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
Mar. 8 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	+Elizabeth Cruz
Mar. 9 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm Lenten Book Series 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration	Katie Grimm
Mar. 10 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
Mar. 11 Fri.	11:30 am Stations of the Cross 12:10 pm Mass 6 pm Stations of the Cross	
Mar. 12 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass (Sunday Vigil)	

Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

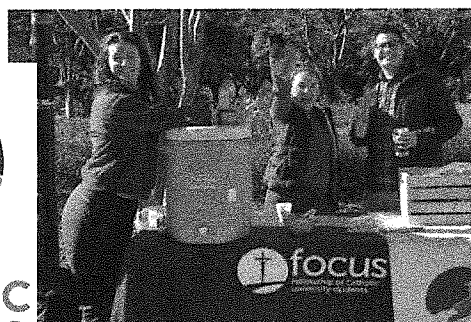
Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
 Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tues: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
 Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Annual Catholic Appeal

The purpose of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is to help raise funds and carry out the mission of our Diocese for ministries, programs, and offices. **Our parish goal is \$46,711.** The ACA helps fund the campus ministry at Georgia Southern, Armstrong-Atlantic, Augusta State, Columbus State, and Valdosta State. The Diocese pays for half of the \$60,000 Fellowship of Catholic University Students grant. St. Matthew Parish pays the other half. The grant provides training, health insurance, and support of the four person FOCUS missionary team that serve here in Statesboro from August through May each year. In February of this year, we had over 100 students attend the SEEK conference. There are 70+ students participating in weekly bible studies. A men's discernment group meets to help young men discern a vocation to the priesthood. The parish also hosted two Dominican sisters at SEEK to provides opportunities for students to learn about religious orders.

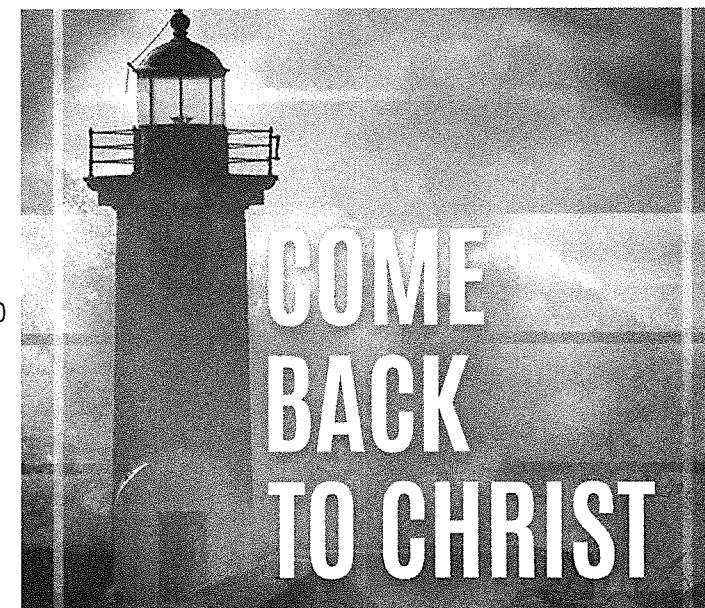


CATHOLIC EAGLES



Blood Drive

St. Matthew Parish will host a blood drive on **Thursday, March 17 from noon until 5 pm.** Please visit redcrossblood.org to schedule a donation time.



Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about Him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept, and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that He has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from, and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling. ©LPI

Stations of the Cross



*Fridays of Lent:
11:30 am, 6 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)*