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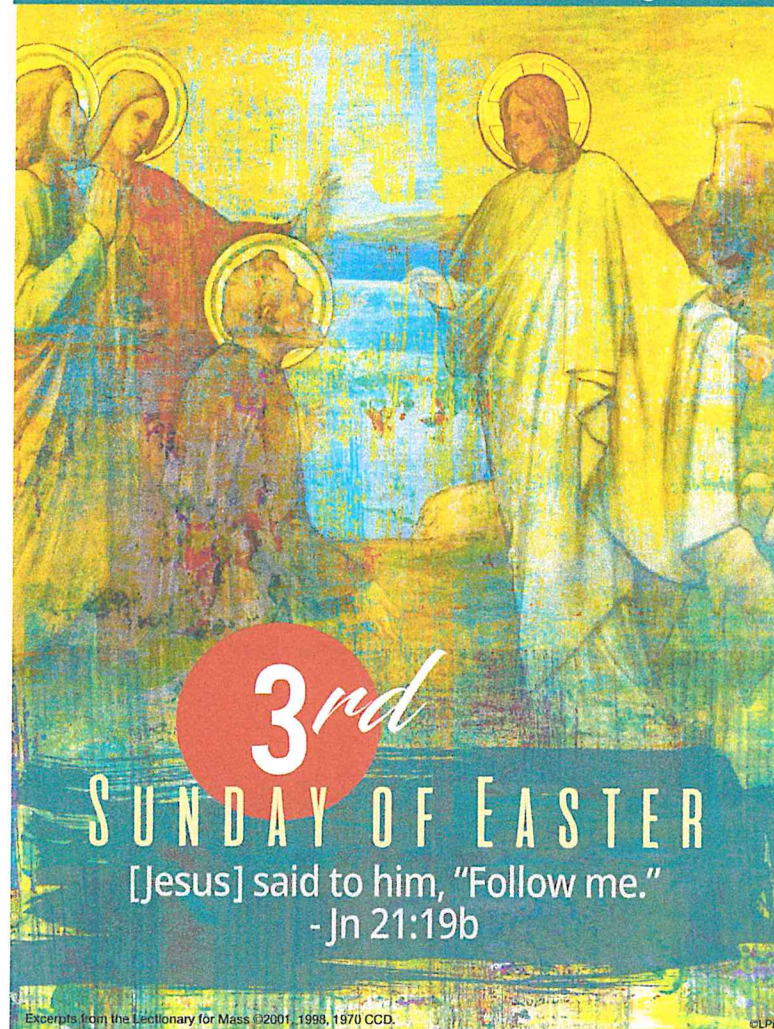
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St. Matthew Catholic Church

May 1, 2022



Welcome New Parishioners!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday: 5 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8 am, 10:30 am, and 5 pm.

DAILY MASS: M, T, Th, F at 12:10 pm; W at 5:30 pm.

CONFESSIONS:

Wed: 5-5:25 pm, Sat: 4-5 pm, or by appointment.

Could it be that God's image has become so distorted by our expectations that it is hard for us to truly see Him? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "Do you love Me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God, our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Are we truly ready to follow Him? ©LPi

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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, Doug Bradley, Drew Brandon, Margaret Brewer, Claire Burton, Orlena Bussie, Dolores Collins, Karl Collins, Jane Corbett, Rob Dannacher, Marguerite DeFoe, Judy Cowning, Fred Denson, Dorothy Downs, Karen Dwyer, Chris Eaton, Candace Floyd, Dolores Gantt, Joe & Cassie Gay, David Greene, Toni Haffev, Kate Hall, Nola Hammond, Bob Haranda, Jordan Hathaway, Lue Healy, Emory Holloway, Kelly Howard, Mary Harrington, Jon Hart, Jim Howenstine, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Bonnie Knight, Cecilia Krause, Marq Lett, Mellie London, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Bobby Mee, Makala Mitchler, 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, Patsy Tempio, Jo Ellen Tolliver, Connie Tousley, Shirley Wilson, Brian Wolnewitz, Morgan Wurst, Wurst Family, Jennifer Wynn, 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 912-681-6726.

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.

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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

April 24, 2022	\$3,990.41
Online Giving	\$1,982.00
Total	\$5,972.91

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.

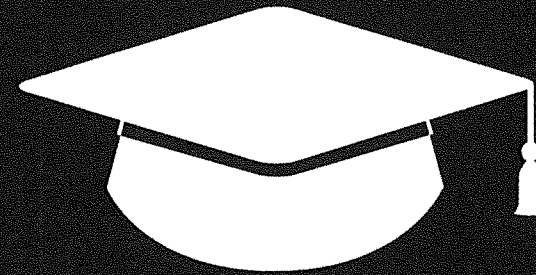
This Week at St. Matthew

Date:	Activities:	
May 1 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Tesana Medica +Vinko Novak
May 2 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 3 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 4 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
May 5 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	+Hernando Jayo
May 6 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 7 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

First Communion

First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 10 am.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!

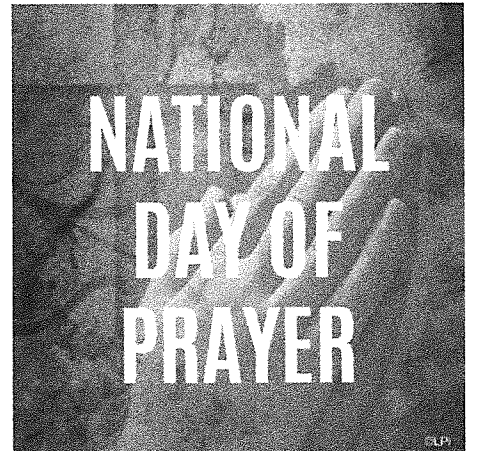


BLESSING OF GRADUATES: WEEKEND OF MAY 21/22, 2022

Please contact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via email: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com if you plan to participate!

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the whole world on fire.
 - St. Catherine of Siena

Thursday, May 5, 2022 has been designated a National Day of Prayer. The church is open for prayer from 8 am until 6 pm. Please join us in praying for your own petitions, our nation, and world.



Hiring

The Catholic Diocese of Savannah is recruiting for Contract Auditors to perform site visits to parishes, schools, and social service agencies throughout the Diocese. Audits are assigned on a quarterly basis, each audit is budgeted at 56 hours. Three years of audit/accounting experience and a Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or a related field are required; an MBA and/or CPA is preferred. Contract Auditors report to and are assigned work by the Director of Parish Financial Services. Payment is on a per audit basis plus mileage and travel expenses as required. To be considered, send a letter of interest and a resume with three references to: jagreen@diosav.org. Preference will be given to those who are Catholic and in full communion with the Church. A complete Job Description is posted at www.diosav.org; Human Resources, Employment Opportunities.

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CONFIRMATION

Bishop Parkes will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6 pm.



Please see the Catholic Eagles flyer in the Narthex (main entrance lobby) for information on upcoming events, including opportunities for worship, bible studies, and fellowship. Contact Fellowship of Catholic University Students Team Director David Wentworth: david.wentworth@focus.org for more information.