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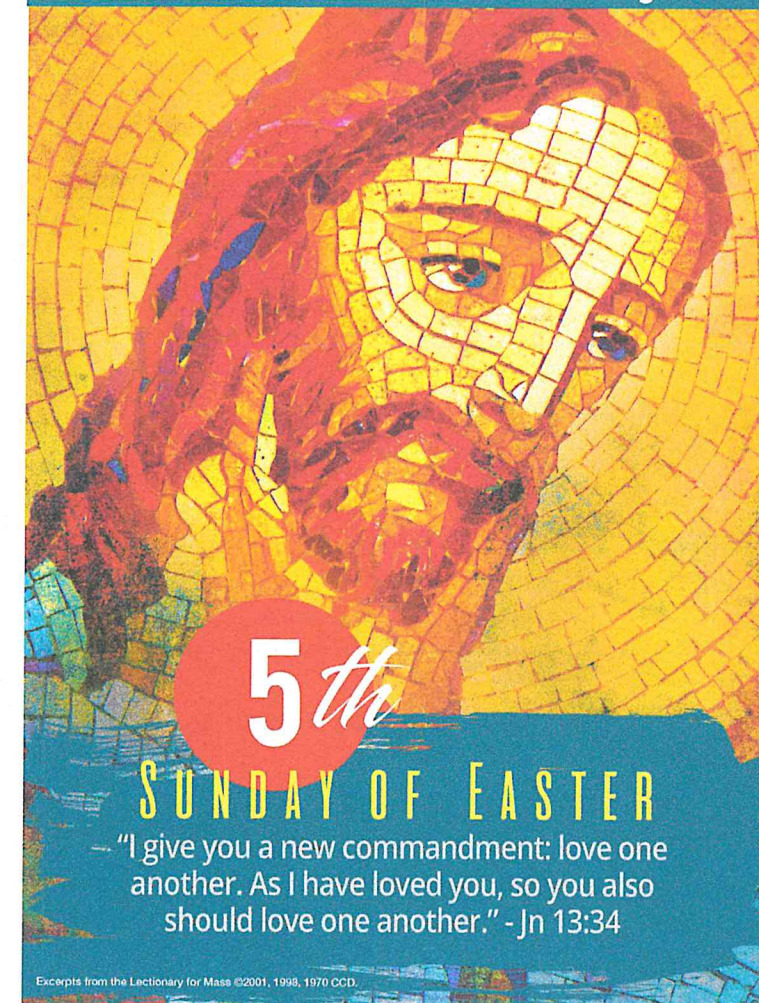
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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

May 15, 2022



The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead—but, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw them before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

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## Welcome New Parishioners!

Please see the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) for registration info or contact Melinda Cannady at: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com. Visit our website: www.saintmatthewsparish.com for parish news and events. Instagram: @stmatthewstatesboro. Facebook: St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday: 5 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am

**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.

"NO TIME IS EVER LOST BY PRAYER, FOR THOSE WHO PRAY ARE WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD."

- ST. ISIDORE

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

#### Parish Council

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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 Mitchier, 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.

#### STAFF DIRECTORY

Fr. John Johnson, Pastor.....jjohnson@diosav.org or 912-681-6726  
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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

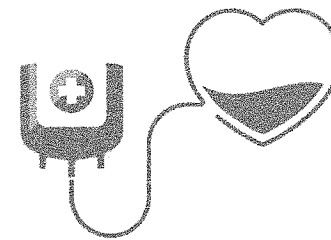
May 8, 2022	\$4,735.35
Online Giving	\$3,272.00
Total	\$8,007.35

Thank you for supporting our parish!

**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).

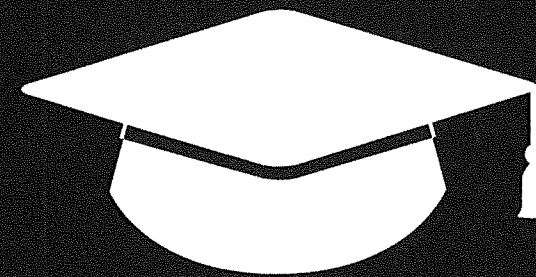
#### This Week at St. Matthew

Date:	Activities:	
May 15 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Lourdes Andan +Ray and Helen Ahmann
May 16 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 17 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 18 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
May 19 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
May 20 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 21 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	



**Blood Drive: Friday, May 20, Noon—5pm**  
**St. Matthew Parish Social Hall**  
Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule a donation time.

## 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

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

The last 5 pm Sunday Mass of the semester will be celebrated today, May 15, 2022. The Mass will resume for the fall semester on Sunday, August 7, 2022.

#### Knights of Columbus Council 14275

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) will host an "Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity" on Sunday, May 15, at 12:00 p.m. in the church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall for council members and their guests. Please RSVP with number of guests to Stephen Kerstiens at [sjkersti@bulloch.net](mailto:sjkersti@bulloch.net) by Monday, May 9. The K of C will meet Monday, May 16, in the Parish Hall. Officers' Planning Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Rosary at 6:45 p.m., and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Robert Babot at [robert.babot@gmail.com](mailto:robert.babot@gmail.com), phone 912-346-6664.

## VBS: JUNE 20-24, 2022 9 AM UNTIL NOON



Online registration is open! Help is needed with bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, and crew leaders!

Rising Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend. Visit [www.saintmatthewsparish.com](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.com) to access the online registration form OR check your email inbox for the weekly ebulletin for a link! Those who are interested in volunteering will need to be current on VIR-TUS training, successfully complete a background check, and sign a code of conduct. If you haven't taken the course, we can get you signed up. Contact Helen Almeter for more information: 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com).

## CONFIRMATION

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