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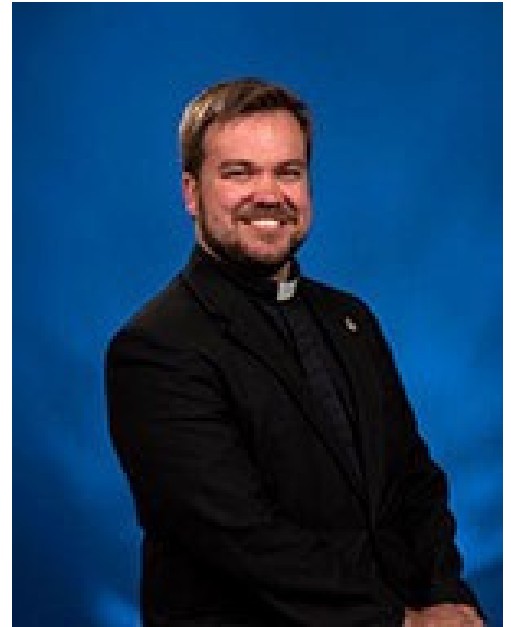
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND NEWMAN CENTER



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Greetings St. Matthew Church and Newman Center Family,

My name is Father Jason Patrick Adams and I am excited to begin my tenth year of priesthood serving as your parochial administrator. I grew up as a fifth generation Catholic from Cordele, Georgia. My activities at the time included altar serving, one act plays, band (saxophone), extemporaneous speaking, and being active with the Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle. Upon graduating Crisp County High School in 2002, I attended Valdosta State University (VSU), where I graduated with a B.A. in Political Science. During my time there, my faith was nourished and sustained by the VSU Catholic Student Newman Center. When I realized that I had been telling God what I wanted to do in life, instead of asking what He wanted me to do in life, I began discerning the call to the priesthood. Upon my VSU graduation in 2006, I spent the next two years in pre-theology formation at Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Fun fact: Fr. Brett Brannen was my vice-rector and Fr. John Johnson was concluding his final year of formation during my time there, both of whom preceded me as pastors at St. Matthew! Then, for the next four years, I would move to Rome, Italy where I continued my formation at the Pontifical North American College and my theology studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas.



After I was ordained June 30, 2012, my first assignment was serving as parochial vicar at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. In 2014, I began my next assignment at St. James the Less in Savannah while serving as chaplain to what would become the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University. From 2019 until now, I have served as the parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist in Valdosta while being chaplain to Valdosta State University. Throughout my priesthood, I have served as the chaplain for the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and currently sit on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Board as Region 14 Chaplain and Advisor to the Religious Emblems Committee. My personal interests include God, grits, and NASCAR. I look forward to getting to know you all. My prayer is that when people encounter our parish, they will know that Christ is alive, that no one walks alone, and that all are welcome. God bless you all and let us pray for one another as we strive to be Saints after God's own heart.

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr. Jason P. Adams