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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

August 21, 2022



**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

## Discipline

Discipline is necessary for us to focus our attention and develop and refine our skills. A disciplined person has integrity and can make difficult but necessary choices. Most people do not like discipline, especially children. When we have to rise above our impulses and desires and do something challenging, it can appear as a punishment. The struggles of living a good and effective Christian life, especially when we actively choose virtue over vice, are allowed by God and necessary for reaching spiritual maturity. God invites us to share in His Kingdom. Hearing and accepting that invitation requires an active, conscious decision on our part. Reforming our lives and changing how we do things does not come easily. However, it is precisely what is necessary for us to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Discipline is essential if we are going to discover our desire for union with our Creator and live in God's house. In this way, we will not risk finding the door locked when we need it to be open.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday: 5 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8 am, 10:30 am\*, and 5 pm.  
\*Livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube.  
**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.



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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, Bob Grovenstein, 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, Priscilla Lemieux, Marq Lett, Virginia Lindsey, Mellie London, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Bobby Mee, Makala Mitchler, Ginger Morris, Janet O'Brien, Cathy Orr, 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, Carolyn Strozzi, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Patsy Tempio, Connie Tousley, 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 912-681-6726.

**For those in the Military**

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**

August 14, 2022	\$4,587.55
Church in Africa	\$231.00
Online Giving:	\$3,537.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,355.55</b>

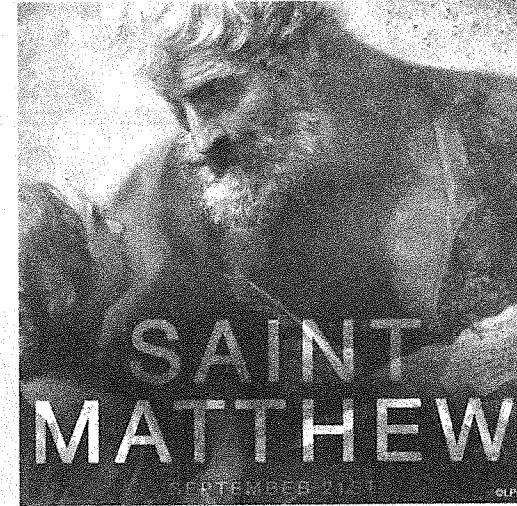
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**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number, 888-357-5330, or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).

**This Week at St. Matthew**

Date:	Activities:	
Aug. 21 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	Ivy Wolfe +Tom Macy
Aug. 22 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
Aug. 23 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm	Becky Crockett
Aug. 24 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	
Aug. 25 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	Maria Provost
Aug. 26 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	Hernando Jayo and Clifford Canete
Aug. 27 Sat.	4 pm Confessions 5 pm Spanish Mass	

**SAVE THE DATE!**



OUR ANNUAL ST. MATTHEW FEAST STEAK DINNER IS BACK!

9/21/2022

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE END OF AUGUST.

Fr. Adams invites all parishioners to join together for the St. Matthew Feast on September 21, 2022. Mass will be at 5:30 pm followed by a filet mignon dinner (child friendly menu also available). As always, ticket prices will be set "at cost" with a family cap. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for offering to cook and serve the meal. After dinner, Fr. Adams will give a "State of the Parish" address to provide an overview of how the feedback given via the January 2022 Parish Survey will be implemented within the parish planning process!



Religious Ed. Registration will continue through the end of August for students in grades Pre-K through 12. Please visit the parish website to register online. Paper registration forms are available in the Narthex.

**RELIGIOUS ED. BEGINS!**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 AT 9 AM



**Questions about Catholic Teaching?**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you would like to learn more about Catholicism, please contact Helen Almeter at [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com) or call the parish office. RCIA classes will start towards the end of August but we would like to start meeting those who are interested or have initial questions. If you're Catholic and need to catch up on First Communion and/or Confirmation (sacraments of initiation), contact Helen Almeter at 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com).

**Outreach News!**



Our Soup Kitchen Team is back in action! We are scheduled to

staff the Saturday Soup Kitchen at First Methodist Church on September 24 and November 19. The parish will cover the cost of the food. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve meals. Those who sign up will need to arrive in time to prepare the food and stay to help clean up afterwards. Please contact Diana Ray at 912-617-2863. Thank you for your tithes, which allows us to feed the hungry of Bulloch County.

**Volunteers Needed!**

Area Christians Together in Service (ACTS) desperately needs volunteers to interview applicants on Wednesdays from 9 am until 11 am. ACTS provides emergency help to for utilities and rent. Please contact Beth Kadlec at [ekadlec@gmail.com](mailto:ekadlec@gmail.com) for more information.

**Blood Drive:**  
**Sept. 9**  
**12 pm - 5 pm**

