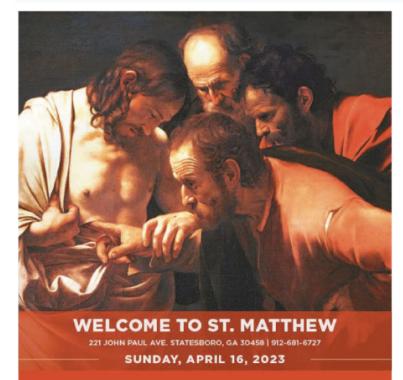
# **St. Matthew Catholic Church**

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# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. **"Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe."** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

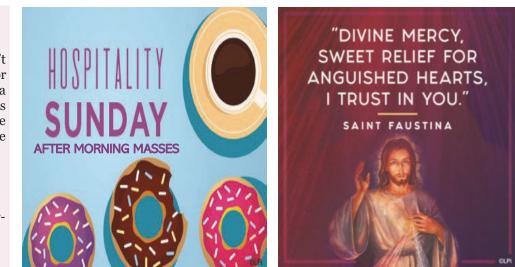
# **Welcome Guest & New Parishioners**

Please see the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) for registration information. If you have any questions please call us at 912-681-6726.



If you're a **volunteer** & haven't taken **VIRTUS** please register for the up coming class. This class is a must have for all volunteers. If it's been longer than five years since you took it please contact the office.

April 16, 2023 2:00pm – 5:00pm https://diosav.org/how-do-i/registerfor-virtus-training





Sunday4/16 + Bogomir Stambuk & +Tyler Stozzo

#### **Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound**

If someone needs to be added to the list for Communion Ministry to the Sick/ Homebound, please contact us at 912-681-6726.

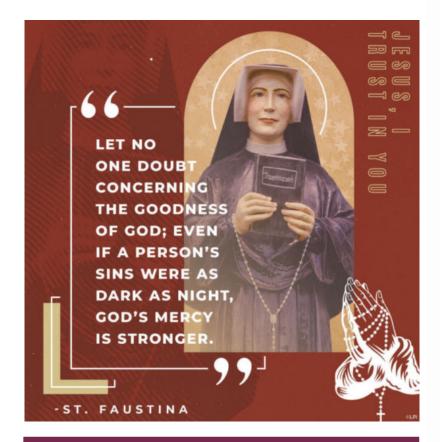
#### The St. Matthew Consolation Ministry

Our Purpose: To console those who grieve, to support Masses for the deceased through the ministry's designated contributions, to pray for and with those who suffer loss, and to pray for comfort and healing for the sick.

"Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2) Contact: Joyce Bergin at 912-489-5714 or at bergjoy@yahoo.com

## **Weekly Collection**

Weekly Offertory: April 9, 2023		\$13,548.13
Online Giving		\$5,477.00
Total:	-	\$19,025.13



#### **Volunteer Retired 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. Reach her at 912-682-1147.

## DIOCESAN 24-HOUR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING HOTLINE 888-357-5330

# **Parish Information**

#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday: 8:00 am &10:30 am, 5:00 pm (only while college in session) Sunday 10:30 am livestream on YouTube, and Facebook Saturday: 5:00 pm (Spanish) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 12:10pm

#### **Holy Hour**

Tuesday 7:00pm- 8:00pm (while college is in session)

#### <u>Confessions</u>

Wednesday: 5:00-5:25 pm & Saturday: 4:00 -4:45 pm

#### Adoration Chapel

Visit office for more information

#### Staff Directory

Fr. Jason P. Adams, Pastor jadams@diosav.org Fr. Douglas K. Clark (retired-in-residence) 912-681-6726 Fr. Tom Nellis (retired) tfninboro@gmail.com **Deacon Mark Girardeau** deaconmark@saintmatthewsparish.com **Deacon Mike McGrath** deaconmike@saintmatthewsparish.com **Deacon John O'Malle** deaconjohn@saintmatthewsparish.com Helen Almeter, Pastoral Asst./DRE. halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com Mitzy Salgado, Administrative Asst. office@saintmatthewsparish.com David Wentworth, FOCUS Team Dir. david.wentworth@focus.org **Peter Vecchio, Music Director** peteramgd@gmail.com

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Chairperson: Rebecca Creasy: rlhcreasy@gmail.com Rachael Barrett: barrett.rachael@yahoo.com Carolyn Couch: carolyn\_couch@hotmail.com John Douglas: JD03672@gmail.com John J. Gleissner: johnjgleissner@gmail.com Rachel Lacy: rachel.ploor@gmail.com Alejandra Lara: alelarach@gmail.com Kim Macy: 2.macysparade.6@gmail.com Joe Sikes: jojosikes@hotmail.com Maureen Stobb: mstobb@georgiasouthern.edu High School Representative: Roderick Uribe

#### Finance Council

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Feel free to contact your council.

# **Ecumenical Holy Week Worship & Lunch**

April 5th, we hosted the Statesboro Ministerial Association Holy Week worship and lunch. We had a resounding turnout with over 150 people from the community. Rev. Lainie Jenkins was our guest reflectionist. Cantor Peter and musician Robert blessed us with their talents. This event was filled with joy, hope, and many smiles.. Thank you to everyone that made this event possible!



## **Upcoming Events**

- 4/15 Korean Mass 6:30pm
- 4/16 Hospitality Sunday (after morning masses)
- 4/16 Religious Ed. Restarts 9am
- 4/16 VIRTUS training 2-5pm
- 4/17 Knights of Columbus 7pm

- 4/19 Sewing Group 9am–3pm
- 4/21-4/23 Youth Group (DYC)
- 4/24 Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) 7pm
- 4/25 Confirmation Mass at 6pm
- 4/30 Last 5pm Sunday University Mass (until Aug. 13



#### Confirmation

Bishop Parkes will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our young people on Tuesday, April 25 at 6pm. The whole parish is invited to attend. Please pray for those preparing for the sacrament.





## **Knights of Columbus Council 14275**

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Monday**, **April 17**, in the Parish Hall. The Planning meeting will begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 6:45 p.m., and the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Robert Babot at <u>robert.babot@gmail.com</u>, phone 912-346-6664

