

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW

221 JOHN PAUL AVE. STATESBORO, GA 30458

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

4rd Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the *voice* of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, **"They recognize his voice."** He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Welcome Guests & 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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our confirmation class! May the Holy Spirit always guide all of you in your life. Thank you to everyone that helped this confirmation class in their journey.





Mass Intention



Sunday 4/30 + Bill Morgan + Helen Morgan Waters
+ William Colyer Morgan + Hilda Davis

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

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Offertory: April 9, 2023 | \$4,775.30 |
| Online Giving | \$2,805.00 |
| Total: | \$7,580.30 |



Knights of Columbus Council 14275 Raffle

Please join the Knights of Columbus to support St. Matthews Church and a local Girl Scout with her Silver Award funding. All funds raised will go to the improvement of the St. Matthews Fire Pit Area.

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Prize 2 - Blanket and Glass Set
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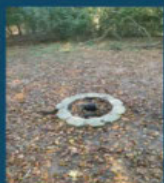
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3 for \$40



Questions:
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Raffle Benefits



- Helping a Girl Scout reach her Silver Award
- Improvement for St. Matthews Community
- Help a Girl Scout with Leadership Skills
- Funding the cost of supplies to complete project

Raffle Drawing:
5/15/23

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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
Wednesday: 5:30pm

Holy Hour

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

Confessions

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

Adoration Chapel

Visit office for more information

Staff Directory

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Feel free to contact your council.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**



SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Eagles, Celebrating Glory Stories!

Please joins us ...

Sunday, April 7 after the 10:30 am Mass

UNIVERSITY MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us Sunday, April 30th for the last University Mass before summer break. We will resume the University Mass Sunday, August 13th.



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Mexico's Children's Day



The Hispanic Community
will celebrate Mexico's
Children's Day on Sunday,
April 30, after the 10:30 am
Mass.

There will be traditional games for
all children, food, and events.



St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center
221 John Paul Ave. Statesboro, GA 30458

Upcoming Events

- 4/30 Mexico's Children's Day after 10:30am Mass
- 4/30 Last 5pm Sunday University Mass (until August 13)
- 5/07 Catholic Eagles Celebrating Glory Story's 11:30am
- 5/13 First Communion Mass at 10am

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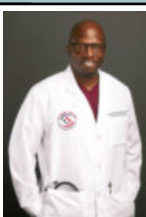
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