

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW

221 JOHN PAUL AVE. STATESBORO, GA 30458

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

5rd Sunday of Easter

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, **"You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'"** To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— 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.

First Communion

Saturday, May 13th at 10 am

Please pray for those receiving their First Communion.
All are invited!



A Special Invitation



Join the Knights of Columbus on May 14, Hospitality Sunday, at 10 a.m. for the Rosary of the Holy Virgin Mary. The Knights offer the Rosary at 10 a.m. on each Hospitality Sunday in the church. All parishioners are invited to join the Knights to say the Rosary.





Mass Intention

Sunday 5/7 Vinka Kovacevic

Saint 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 for comfort and healing.

Our Mandate: "Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2) On the third Saturday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel, the Ministry offers prayers for the deceased, the sick of the parish, and all who have suffered loss. Interested parishioners are invited to join the Ministry during these prayer sessions.

Contact Joyce Bergin at 912-489-5714 bergjoy@yahoo.com

Weekly Collection

Weekly Offertory: April 9, 2023	\$6,583.27
Online Giving	\$2,181.00
Total:	\$8,764



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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- Helping a Girl Scout reach her Silver Award
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- Help a Girl Scout with Leadership Skills
- Funding the cost of supplies to complete project



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5/15/23

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Parish Information

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am,
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 (Will resume in August)

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.

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Religious 101 Ladies Discernment Group



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



Upcoming Events

5/07 Catholic Eagles Celebrating Glory Story's 11:30 am
5/13 First Communion Mass at 10 am
5/14 Rosary with the Knights of Columbus at 10 am
5/14 Hospitality Sunday
6/26-6/30 VBS (more information coming soon)
5 pm Sunday University Mass will resume in August

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