

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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## OFFICE HOURS:

9:30 am—4:30 pm. Phone: 912-681-6726.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 5 pm (Span.),  
Sunday: 8 am, 10:30 am, and 5 pm.

**Daily Mass:** M, T, Th, and F at 12:10 pm; W at  
5:30 pm.

## CONFESSIONS

Wed: 5—5:25 pm, Sat: 4-5 pm, or by appt.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Chapel available 24/7— Sunday at 7  
pm through Saturday at 3:30 pm—in the Cry  
Room.

## INFANT BAPTISMS

For information on scheduling baptisms and  
baptism instruction classes, please contact  
Helen Almeter at 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or via  
email at [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com).

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Newly engaged couples should contact Fr.  
Johnson at 912-681-6726 to schedule prepara-  
tion sessions and a date for the wedding.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades PreK through 8th meet on Sundays at  
9 am, September 12, 2021- May 22, 2022.

## CATHOLIC EAGLES

GSU students: For information on bible studies,  
events, and retreats contact our FOCUS  
(Fellowship of Catholic University Students)  
Team Director David Wentworth at:  
[david.wentworth@focus.org](mailto:david.wentworth@focus.org).

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to the St. Matthew parish family! To  
register at St. Matthew parish, please fill out a  
registration form on the St. Matthew web  
site: [www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about).  
Forms are also available at the front entrances  
of the church. Persons interested in being add-  
ed to the e-newsletter mailing list, please con-  
tact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via  
email: [mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com).

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at noon.

## Mission Statement:

St. Matthew Church CELEBRATES  
the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ by  
inspiring all to LOVE God and one  
another and to SHARE the Good  
News of God's love with others.

**Sept.  
12  
2021**



# 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take  
up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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**Please contact your parish representatives with questions, concerns, compliments, or ideas!**

**Parish Council**

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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, Ted Bandoni, Terri Beasley, Bill Bolen, Drew Brandon, Sylvia Brannen, Margaret Brewer, Orlena Bussie, Karl Collins, Marguerite DeFoe, Judy Cowning, Margaret Dannacher, Fred Denson, Dorothy Downs, Karen Dwyer, Chris

Eaton, Les Fatica, Joe & Cassie Gay, David Greene, Madelyn Grovenstein, Kate Hall, Nola Hammond, Bob Haranda, Jordan Hathaway, Kelly Howard, Mary Harrington, Jon Hart, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Emily Kerstiens, John Kindig, Cecilia Krause, Maria LeFebvre, Marq Lett, Mellie London, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Ginger Morris, Audrey Senecal Sidway, Cathy Orr, Brooks Padgett, Sandie Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Denton and Margie Rouse, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Carol Sowell, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strickland, Carolyn Strozzi, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Connie Tousley, Sharon Tracy, Shirley Wilson, Brian Wolnewitz, Morgan Wurst, Wurst Family, Jason Yurek, 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 681-6726.

**For those in the Military**

Trevor Alderman, Alax Baysinger, Audrey Brenden, Cole Carter, Christopher Doty, Ryan Erikson, David Liddell, Sean Limbach, Anthony Mullen, Lexi Murry, Brandon Luke Revenue, Lance Rewis, Matthew Robbins, Cody Stevens, Brian Sullivan, Sarah 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**

Fr. John Johnson, Pastor.....jjohnson@diosav.org or 912-681-6726  
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**The St. Matthew Consolation Ministry**

**Our Mission: To provide a listening ear and a compassionate presence to help others cope with loss.**  
**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@saintmatthewsparish.com.**

**Weekly Collection**

September 5, 2021 \$4,369.75  
 Online Giving \$4,773.41  
**Total \$9,143.16**



"St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center"



Find the parish Instagram account at: StMatthewStatesboro

**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:	Mass Intention:
Sept. 12 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	Vivian Vecchio +Keith Kurchev +Martha Grindler
Sept. 13 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass Parish Council 7 pm	
Sept. 14 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	+Kenneth Manno
Sept. 15 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
Sept. 16 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	+Louis Sigich
Sept. 17 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Sept. 18 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

## **Readings for the week of Sept 12, 2021**

Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tues: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thurs: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## **Religious Education Registration**

Religious Ed. Registration is underway! Use the QR code below to register:



## **Questions about Catholic Teaching?**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, would like to learn more about Catholicism, or were baptized Catholic but you haven't finished receiving the other Sacraments of Initiation: First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Helen Almeter: 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or: [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com).

## **Religious Education:**

A 4th grade and 6th grade catechist/teacher are needed as well as catechist substitutes if we have a teacher sick. If you are interested in being either a catechist or sub, please contact Helen Almeter for details.

## **Parish Council Elections**

Parishioners Tom Grovenstein, Kim Macy, and Bill Wright were nominated to serve on the parish council. Since there were only three terms to fill, no election is necessary. Our thanks to outgoing council members Eva Mendoza and Mike Trevino. The term of the late Dr. James Stephens is now also filled.

## **Musician Wanted**



St. Matthew Parish is looking for a pianist and/or organist to play at Mass. A job description is available in the Narthex. Please take one to share. Email Music Director Peter Vecchio at [PeterAMDG@gmail.com](mailto:PeterAMDG@gmail.com), or phone the office for details.



Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. © LPI





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