

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 Train-
ing 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.

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, October 3, 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.

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.
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.

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.

**Oct.
10
2021**



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
“Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said,
“For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God.” - Mk 10:26-27

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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, Ted Bandoni, Terri Beasley, Bill Bolen, Drew Brandon, Sylvia Brannen, Margaret Brewer, Claire Burton, 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

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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

October 3, 2021	\$6,498.18
Online Giving	\$4,502.91
Total	\$11,001.09

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.

This Week at St. Matthew

Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Oct. 10 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Mary Hazeldine +Tom Paul +Luke Fetterhoff
Oct. 11 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 12 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 13 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
Oct. 14 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	+Pat Bradian
Oct. 15 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 16 Sat.	12 pm Rosary for America 5 pm Spanish Mass	

Readings for the week of Oct. 10, 2021

Sun: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tues: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wed: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thurs: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sun: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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, or phone the office for details.

Boxes of Joy



The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is supporting the Cross Catholic Outreach Christmas Program, “Boxes of Joy”, for children in need. Through your continued compassionate support, children from Guatemala and Haiti will experience the excitement and love of Christmas. These children’s parents are too poor to provide anything but the basic needs of their children. Participating is easy:

- Pick up a box after Mass from PCCW members on Sunday.
- Pray for the mission and the children who will receive the boxes.
- Fill with gifts to bring joy (suggested item list included).
- Include a \$donation—\$7 covers shipping, and \$2 supports the life-saving ministries of the priests, nun, and lay missionaries working with the children.
- A new way to donate: You can choose to have Cross Catholic Outreach put together a box for you—\$25 for the gifts and \$9 for the shipping for a total of \$34. Go to crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy to donate.
- Drop off the “Box of Joy” to St. Matthew Catholic Church by Sunday, October 31, 2021.



Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn’t operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love wants to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life’s attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God’s gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love. © LPI



All parishioners are invited to come to church on Saturday, **October 16** to join over 20,000 other groups of Catholics from across our nation to say the Rosary at **noon**. Our people are struggling with this pandemic and many are suffering from grief and despair. We need all our voices raised in prayer. Please come and join us as we ask our Lady to intercede for us in our time of suffering. She is our source of mercy and hope and is our most faithful advocate. Sponsored by the St. Matthew Consolation Ministry.

Thank You!

We appreciate the cards, phone calls, flowers, Mass offerings, prayers, and many other kindnesses shown to us at the loss of our father and grandfather, +David Rhoney. Our extended family was deeply touched by the outpouring of love from our St. Matthew family. Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Melinda Cannady, Patty Gleissner, and families

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