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Sunday Mass
Saturday Vigil– 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Daily Masses
Monday-Saturday at 8:30am

Adoration
Wednesday 5:00pm-7:00pm
Rosary at 6:30pm Wednesdays
First Friday 7:00pm-8:00pm

Confession
Saturdays 4:00pm-5:00pm
or by appointment

Daily Masses and 10:30 Sunday Mass will be broadcast online.
Find a direct link to the livestream of the Mass on stmatthewsjax.com.

Sacraments
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617-359-3842

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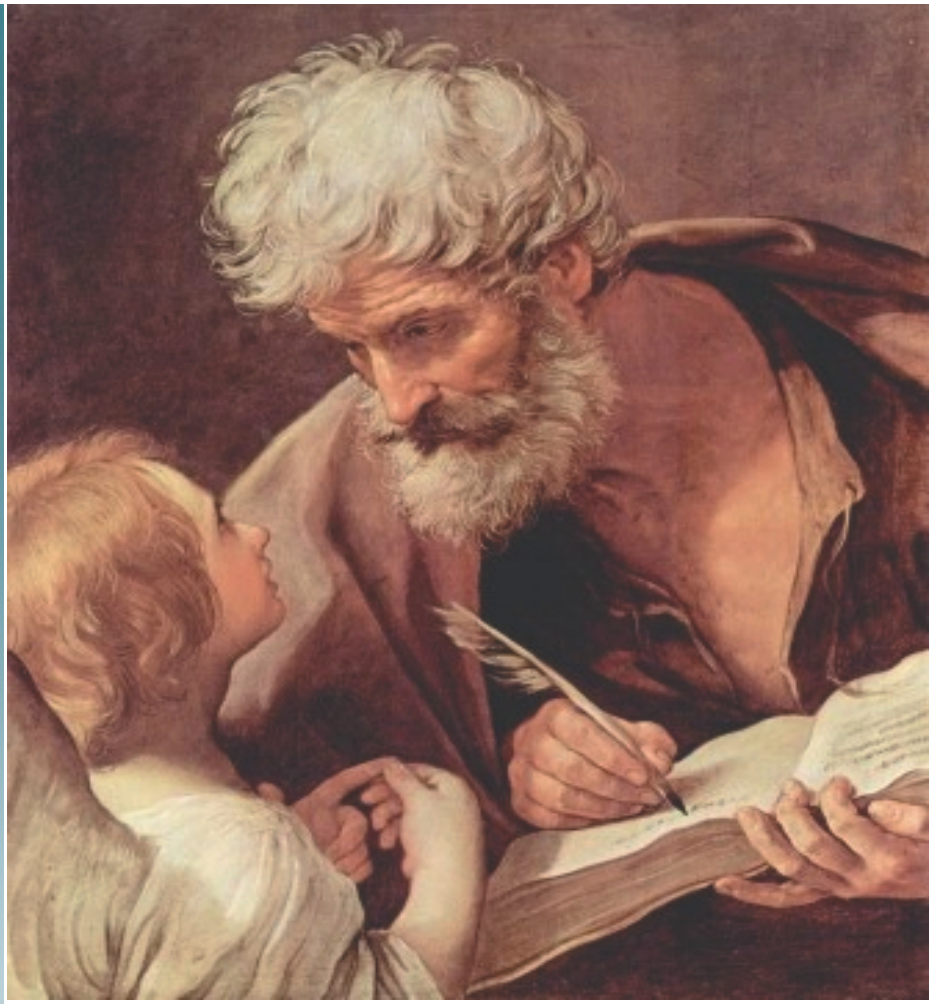

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the Stewards' Message †
sharing the gifts we have been given

"If anyone wishes to be fires, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." - Mark 9: 35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer"=sacred and "facere"=to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 20th
8:30am: Maria Muu †

Tuesday, September 21st
8:30am: Teresa Thuy †

Wednesday, September 22nd
8:30am: Dr. Jim Conners †

Thursday, September 23rd
8:30am: Teresa Thuy †

Friday, September 24th
8:30am: Teresa Thuy †

Saturday, September 25th
8:30am: Michael Goodbread, Jr. †
5:30pm: James Fallon †

Sunday, September 26th
8:30am: Souls in Purgatory †
10:30am: Charles Chancey †
5:30pm: Carol Fitzgerald †

Sanctuary Light in Memory Of Gary Keys, Sr.

Diocese of St. Augustine
Office of the Bishop

September 12, 2021

Dear Faithful,

I have heard from several pastors who have explained their experiences of helping families deal with the anguish and loss of loved ones from COVID – both those unvaccinated and those who were vaccinated.

I encourage everyone to get the COVID vaccination. As our Holy Father, who has received the vaccine himself, has said – it is an act of love – for those around us. It is truly a matter of concern for those who respect life.

Unfortunately, the matter of vaccinations has become a political issue. This should not be – we do not politicize other vaccines that protect us, especially our children, from diseases that can be thwarted. We should give praise to God that we have been able to find solutions to so many diseases – and we should avail ourselves to take advantage of this gift from God – a gift we asked for in all parishes to pray for once the pandemic first took root.

This is not a time for political partisanship – it is a time for all of the faithful to step up in love for our own families – to step up for life – as Christ himself suggests in the Gospel – even the unknown stranger whom the Lord reminds us is our neighbor.

I echo Pope Francis in his exhortation that we pursue vaccinations. I encourage, whenever possible, our parishes to host opportunities for the faithful to be immunized.

Sincerely yours,

+ J. E. Estévez

Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez, S.T.D.
Bishop of St. Augustine

St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Be gentle to all and stern with yourself."- St. Teresa of Avila

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers are available to assist our parish family and those in our parish community during this critical time.
Please call the SVdP emergency phone at 388-7008 to let us know of anyone who needs assistance.
If you would like a blessed blanket to give to someone who is ill or someone in need of comfort, please call
Shirley Barton at 389-6036
or Robin LaByer at 716-2612.
There is also a prayer blanket request box in the narthex of the church. Simply fill out a request form and place it in the box.

The St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, September 25th at 9:00 a.m.

We will meet at the Riverside Arts Market, under the bridge near the performing stage.

All proceeds benefit people locally with housing, utilities, food and clothing. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Donations can be made using web address below.

https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2644

Parish Support

Our parish services are budgeted for weekly collections of $17,000.00.

Offertory for the week of 09/05/2021

Offertory:	$6,212.73
Faith Direct:	$6,694.65
Total:	$12,907.38

Offertory for the week of 09/12/2021

Offertory:	$9,187.43
Faith Direct:	$6,511.01
Total:	$15,698.44

Thank you for your support!

During these times of uncertainty, our church continues to spread the Word of God and help those in need in our community. We appreciate your faithful support of our parish efforts. Several of our parishioners have asked how they can continue to support our church. Please consider the options offered here:

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Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to St. Matthew's Catholic Church via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card – just as you may do now with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. This is a great way to simplify your giving – and it's the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly way for us to receive your gifts.

To Register:

1. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call (866) 507-8757
2. Enter our church code: FL65
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You can also mail your offertory envelopes to our office if you'd prefer. Our address is:
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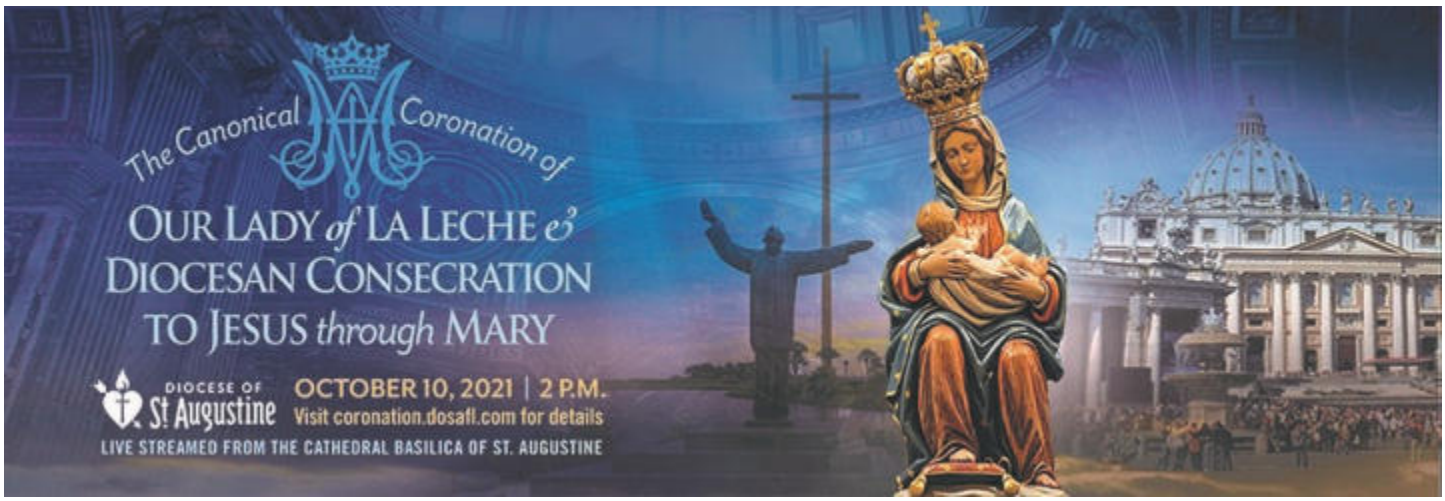
Religious Education classes will continue on Sundays from 9:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m. Sacramental Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, as well as children's RCIA classes, will be postponed until next month.

We will let everyone know as soon as we are ready to resume these classes.



FALCON NEWS 9/19/21

Office email: stmatthewsoffice@comcast.net
School website: www.stmatthewscs.com

REMINDERS:

9/24- SVdP Dress Down Day

9/27- Virtual Book Fair begins!

9/28- Fall Pictures

9/29- Vision Screening

10/1- Feast of Holy Rosary after 8:30 mass

10/5- PTO meeting @ 6PM

PICTURE DAY!

Tuesday, September 28th

School uniforms required.
No PE uniforms permitted!

BASKETBALL & CHEER SCHEDULE

All games start @ 5PM

9/20 @ St. Michael
9/23 @ Holy Spirit
9/27 vs. CTK
9/30 @ Cathedral
10/6 vs. Blessed Trinity

ST. MATTHEW'S IS A COMMUNITY WHERE THE PATHS OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND LOVE, NOURISHED BY THE EUCHARIST, COME TOGETHER GUIDING US THROUGH LIFE

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Information on the Synodality Steering Committee

As you may already be aware, Pope Francis has called for the fifth synod of his pontificate to begin this fall. This fifth one has a variation of how synods have worked in the past in our Church. It is starting locally, then moving to a continental phase and finally ending in Rome with the universal phase. It truly is a vision of walking and listening to one another.

How does Acts of the Apostles give example of synodal thinking?

Throughout the history found in Acts of the Apostles, we see the concept of synodality, the entire community in conversation when important decisions need to be made that affect all. In Acts 1:15 we read that about 120 people gathered with Peter to discern a replacement for Judas.

Later in Acts (15:1-35) we read about the first Council of the Church at Jerusalem wherein the Apostles and presbyters, "in agreement with the whole church" decide on several matters that affected the Gentiles as they sought to join the Church.

Tuesday, September 28th will be an entire day of Adoration in Thanksgiving to Our Lady of La Leche for nurturing our sons to become Catholic priests who proclaim the Gospel of Life.

8:00 a.m.- Rosary for Life

8:30 a.m.- Morning Mass

9:00 a.m.- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.- Adoration

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.- Community Adoration and Prayer (with Rosary for Life from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.)

7:00 p.m.- Solemn Benediction

We are inviting you to participate in this moving experience with us. We have a sign-up sheet in the gathering area of the church. Ideally, we would like to have at least two people per hour to sign up for Adoration from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Rushin at 904-635-7126, or the church office at 388-8698.

The Knights of Father Maher Council #648 invite all to Pray the Most Holy Rosary at Seton Hall every Tuesday Night at 6:30 PM. The Knights are also having a Bible Study Group immediately following the Most Holy Rosary.

All are Welcome! Bring a Bible and please and join us.

Bereavement Support

This program is for anyone who has lost loved ones, be it a spouse, a family member a dear friend. During this challenging time it is even more important to have someone to talk with. We all grieve differently, whether it's been a day or many years. There is no set time to stop grieving. We meet at the Schiavone Parish Center on **Thursday evenings at 6 PM.**

If the evening time doesn't work for you, contact **Josephine Perring at 904-294-4912 or Lola Higgins at 856-628-1006** and an afternoon time could be arranged.

Safe Environment Report Abuse

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with them in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.
To report abuse, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129,
or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800–96-Abuse (800)962-2873.

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Feast of St. Matthew 8:30am: Mass 10:30am: Mass w/ Bishop Estévez 5:30pm: Mass	20 8:30am: Mass	21 8:00am:Respect for Life Rosary 8:30am: Mass	22 8:30am: Mass 5:00-7:00pm-Adoration 6:30pm: Rosary	23 8:30am: Mass 6:00pm: Bereavement Meeting in Schiavone Parish Center	24 8:30am: Mass	25 8:30am: Mass 5:30pm: Mass
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Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Saturday, Sept. 25, 5:30 PM	Tammy Stomfay-Stitz	Colleen O'Connor (3B) **NOT FILLED** Natalie Ellison - Upstairs	Dayne Kimball **NOT FILLED**
Sunday, Sept. 26, 8:30 AM	Lucy Bravo (1) Wayne Bevis (2)	Joan Shewbrooks (3B) Stephen Shewbrooks (4B) Susan Saccardi - Upstairs	Tug Applegate Elizabeth Bravo
Sunday, Sept. 26,10:30 AM	Aida Lim (1) Martin Polsenski (2)	Edward Collier (3B) Diane Collier (4B) Thomas Measday - Upstairs	Tyler Koenig Evelyn Polsenski (Senior Server)
Sunday, Sept. 26, 5:30 PM	Alden Howell	Art Doss (3B) Amelia Litchfield (4B) Chuck Hayes - Upstairs	Andres Griffin

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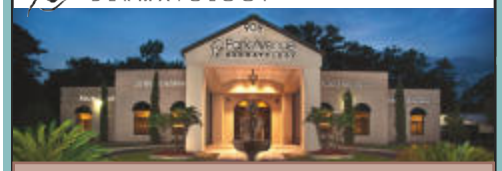

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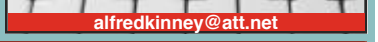

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