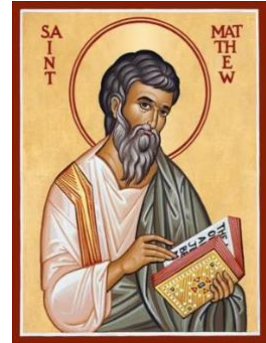




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Mission Statement: We are a loving and inclusive faith community, following Jesus, honoring the dignity and equality of each person through the work of the Holy Spirit in our authentic Catholic tradition.

Mass Schedule:

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Adult Study: Selected Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Pray the Rosary: Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

Bible Study:

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request

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the national ecclesial body representing independent Catholic faith communities.
www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
 Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us.
 April 21, 2019 - **EASTER**

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

10:30 a.m.

Presider/Homilist Bp. Peter Hickman
Deacon Michael Hoopes
Servers Liz Wessel
 Tonya Adams
 Garret Trumbo
Ushers Woody Wessel
 Jason Adams
Proclaimers Merry Battaglia
 Tony Battaglia
Eucharistic Ministers Jennie Guida
 Fr. Toting Tronco
 Lydia Russo

NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:

8:00 a.m.

Presider/Homilist Bp. Peter Hickman
Deacon Michael Hoopes
Servers Mередythe Hutchinson

Ushers Mary Stacey

Proclaimers Mike Mitchell
 Nancy Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers Meghan Domer

10:30 a.m.

Presider/Homilist Bp. Peter Hickman
Deacon Steve Smith
Servers Lydia Tronco
 Tony Russo
 Angelica Tronco
Ushers Jennie Guida
 John Deane
Proclaimers Polly Touhey
 Doris Hand
Eucharistic Ministers Emmie Florendo
 Fr. George Florendo
 Irene Bronson



If you would like to participate in one of the ministries (altar server, proclaimer, Eucharistic Minister, or usher) during our Sunday liturgy, please let Kathryn know.

**WE NEED YOU!
 TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Today's Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Gospel Summary

On Friday afternoon when Jesus died, the women had not been able to finish the customary preparation for burial. The Sabbath began at sundown on Friday, so Mary of Magdala hurried to the tomb Sunday morning to complete her task. She found the tomb empty. Certain that Jesus' body had been stolen, she ran back to get the other disciples. Peter and the other disciple also found an empty tomb but with Jesus' clothing rolled neatly and placed where his body had been. The disciples still didn't understand about the resurrection and Mary wept. As she cried, two angels appeared asking why she was crying. She then saw a gardener and asked him where the body might be. When he called her by name, Mary immediately recognized Jesus. (RCLB)



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Holy Communion

We here at Saint Matthew Church have recognized that the altar here in this place is not ours but the Lord's Table. As such, we realize that Jesus is the host of the Eucharistic meal. It is Jesus who invites all to come to His table, a table that has a place for everyone. It matters not what church or denomination you belong to for there is a place for you at this table of Jesus. All that is necessary is that your heart responds to the invitation of Jesus to receive His life from Him in this Eucharistic meal. As a Catholic community, we understand that in the gifts of bread and wine of the Eucharist we actually receive the risen life of Christ Himself. That is why we refer to these gifts as the body and blood of Christ. In this Holy Communion we receive the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ. Remember that Holy Communion is not a reward for any moral achievement or accomplishment of our own. Holy Communion is God's gift in Christ freely given in order that our lives may be transformed by the life of Christ that we now receive in this Eucharistic meal. Therefore, you are most welcome to receive this Blessed Sacrament with us at this liturgy.

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Every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. we gather together in the church to pray as community this traditional devotion to the Lord Jesus and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a rich time of prayer and meditation as we reflect upon the scriptural narrative of the mysteries of our salvation.

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As we enter the church, we remember that we are entering a house of prayer and worship, a place of solace and grace. This is sacred space so enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully, and come back gladly. We look forward to getting to know you so we invite you to join us in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass for conversation.

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Parish Council

Victoria Anderson	Victoria Greene	Steve Ross
Lou Clancy	Claudia Kilby	Tony Russo
Brett Fallavollita	Mike Mitchell	Bill Singleton

Dashboard Listening Session

April 28 – 12:30-1:45 (Classroom)

The Parish Council wants to hear from you. We are holding a "listening session" on the above date. We will discuss the strengths and improvements for the future of the church at this session. The session will last approximately 75 minutes and is limited to the first 10 parishioners each. Additional sessions will be scheduled if needed. If you have any questions about the session, please see or contact **Brett Fallavollita**, brettfall123@gmail.com.

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We collect non-perishable donations for **Western Service Workers Association's (WSWA)** food pantry. WSWA provides food, medical care, and other support to local, working-poor families.

Greatest needs include peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, tuna, mayonnaise, pasta and sauce, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, beverages, and hot and cold cereal. **We encourage everyone to participate by bringing any of the above-mentioned donated items to church on Sunday, presented during the giving of our tithes and offerings.**

INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK: Saint Matthew's next turn for serving dinners to the working homeless is the week of May 12 to May 18 (volunteers needed) at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Orange. The residents of the shelters move about every two weeks to a hosting church, where they receive the assistance of meals and assistance in locating jobs. We also collect and donate toiletries, such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, skin lotion, etc., and deliver them to the site. Please give these donations to Ned Bradley who will keep a bin out each Sunday. Questions? Call **Ned Bradley** at (714) 392-4845.

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CALENDAR of Events

TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

April 28 – Dashboard Listening Session @ 12:30-1:45 (Classroom)

April 28 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

May 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.

May 5 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)

May 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

May 11 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 12-18 – Dinners served to working homeless

May 14 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)

May 18 – Garden Tea

May 19 – Congregational Meeting @ 9:30 a.m. (Church)

May 19 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)

June 2 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)

June 2-9-16-23-30 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

June 7 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.

June 8 – Men's Group BBQ; time and location TBD

June 9 – Stewardship Ministry Fair

June 16 – Father's Day

June 16 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)

June 22 – "Beach Blanket" Auction

July 5 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.

July 7 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)

July 7-14-21-28 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

July 9 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)

July 13 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

August 2 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6

August 4 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)

August 4-11-18-25 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

August 10 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

August 13 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)

September 1 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)

September 1-8-15-22-29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

September 6 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.

September 8-29 – 50/50 Raffle

September 14 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

October 4-6 – Women's Retreat

November 3-10-17-24 – Stewardship Sundays

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May 19, at 9:30 a.m. (Church)

We will be discussing the joining of the ECC Diocese of California. As required by our Parish Constitution, a vote of the congregation is needed to officially join the Diocese. This is a very important part of the growth of Saint Matthew's into the future. Please see below for a message from Bishop Peter:

Every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist we do so as an intentional Catholic community of faith. Whenever we do this we recite in the Profession of Faith that we "believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." As an intentional Catholic faith community, joining the ECC Diocese is the Catholic way of maintaining our Catholic identity; it is our organic connection with our Catholic faith and identity. If Saint Matthew Church wishes to maintain our connection with the historic Catholic Faith and with our Catholic identity, then joining the ECC Diocese of California is one way of doing just that. Otherwise, we may risk losing our Catholic identity.

A diocese is a governing unit of the Catholic Church under the jurisdiction of a validly ordained Catholic bishop. The ECC Diocese of California is a valid local Catholic Church. I recommend that the members of the Saint Matthew Church vote to join the ECC Diocese of California as the easiest and most effective way we can maintain our connection with the historic Catholic church as well as preserving our Catholic identity. Remember, we are not a Protestant Church nor are we an Eastern Orthodox Church. We are Catholic! That means something to us of great and abiding importance. It is the reason we exist. To lose our Catholic identity would mean that we would lose our reason to exist! (Raison d'etat)

+Bishop Peter Hickman

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The solicitation of funds from the members of Saint Matthew Church or any charitable organization must obtain prior approval from the Parish Council.



Like us on Facebook

Each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we videotape the Gospel and Homily portions of the liturgy that is then posted on Facebook, YouTube and other internet venues. **Search: Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church.** Please be aware that, for the most part, no one, other than the ministers who are actively engaged in the liturgy, is intentionally video recorded and posted on the internet.



Prayer and Meditation

Sundays @ 7 p.m. at the home of Dr. Ellie Zatyko.
For information and directions, please call 714-595-8875.



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