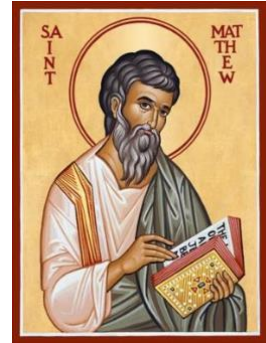




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**Mass Schedule:**

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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**Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church**  
**Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us.**  
**April 28, 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Presider/Homilist</b>	Fr. Toting Tronco	Fr. Ron Ruanto
<b>Deacon</b>	Michael Hoopes	Steve Smith
<b>Servers</b>	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Tony Russo Angelica Tronco
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary Stacey	Jennie Guida John Deane
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Mike Mitchell Nancy Mitchell	Polly Touhey Doris Hand
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Meghan Domer	Emmie Florendo Fr. George Florendo Irene Bronson

**NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Presider/Homilist</b>	Bp. Peter Hickman	Bp. Peter Hickman
<b>Deacon</b>	Steve Smith	Michael Hoopes
<b>Servers</b>	Mike Mitchell	Lydia Tronco Angelica Tronco Garret Trumbo
<b>Ushers</b>	Linette Davenport	Jason Adams Woody Wessel
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Victoria Greene Lou Clancy	Lydia Russo Tony Russo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Doris Hand	Fr. Toting Tronco Karen Bradley Ned Bradley

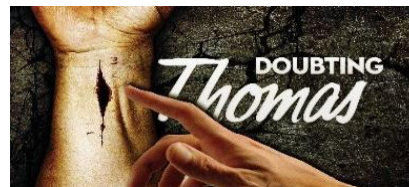
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 If you would like to participate in one of the ministries (altar server, proclaimer, Eucharistic Minister, or usher) during our Sunday liturgy, please let Kathryn know.  
 WE NEED YOU! TO MAKE IT HAPPEN  
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**Today's Readings**

Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-20; John 20:19-31

**Gospel Summary**

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him. (RCLB)



**St. Thomas**

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.

The relics taken to Edessa were moved in 1258 to Italy, where they can be found in the Cathedral of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy. However, it is believed that Saint Thomas' skull rests in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian on the Greek Island Patmos.

In art, Saint Thomas is commonly depicted as a young man holding a scroll, or as a young adult touching the resurrected Christ's wounds.

Saint Thomas was mentioned in several texts, including one document called *The Passing of Mary*, which claims then-apostle Thomas was the only one to witness the Assumption of Mary into heaven, while the other apostles were transported to Jerusalem to witness her death.

While the other apostles were with Mary, Thomas was left in India until after her first burial, when he was transported to her tomb and he saw her bodily assumption into heaven, when her girdle was left behind.

In versions of the story, the other apostles doubted Thomas' words until Mary's tomb was discovered to be empty with the exception of her girdle. Thomas and the girdle were often depicted in medieval and early Renaissance art.



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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### Dashboard Listening Session

**TODAY, 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](mailto: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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TODAY – Dashboard Listening Session @ 12:30-1:45 (Classroom)  
TONIGHT – 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.



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**Prayer and Meditation**

Sundays @ 7 p.m. at the home of Dr. Ellie Zatyko.

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