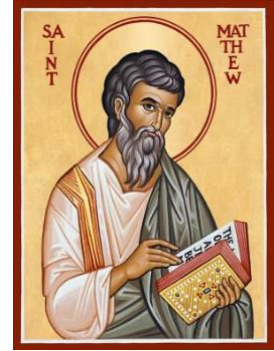




SAINT MATTHEW

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Celebrating Christ's love in all people for 34 years!

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)

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
(Dates TBD)

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

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

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request

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Saint Matthew Church is a founding member community of the **Ecumenical Catholic Communion (ECC)**,
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.
December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Presider	Mo. Diane Smith	Fr. Chinnappa Madanu
Homilist	Bill Singleton	Bill Singleton
Deacons	Tony Russo	Michael Hoopes Adelia Sandoval
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Tonya Adams Tammy Fuqua
Ushers	Mary Stacey	John Deane Jennie Guida
Proclaimers	Rachael Amaro Marylou Madriaga	Susan Morano Bob Morano
Eucharistic Ministers	Meghan Domer	Irene Bronson Fr. Toting Tronco Joe Karam

NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Presider	Fr. Toting Tronco	Fr. Ron Ruanto
Homilist	Fr. Toting Tronco	Fr. Ron Ruanto
Deacons	Michael Hoopes Adelia Sandoval	Steve Smith Tony Russo
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Liz Wessel
Ushers	Jolene Johnson	Woody Wessel Jason Adams
Proclaimers	Wendy Rollins Victoria Greene	PollyTouhey Lydia Russo
Eucharistic Ministers	Doris Hand	Mariah Sandoval Jeanne Blum

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Liturgical Ministers 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 REALLY NEED YOU!**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Gospel Summary:



The emphasis of today's Gospel is on the second coming of Jesus. Matthew refers to three events that show we do not know when Jesus will return, but the message is clear: we are to be ready! The first reference Matthew makes is to Noah and the flood. People were occupied with their daily lives—eating, drinking, and marrying. In the second example, men were working in the field and women were grinding at the mill. Some were taken and some remained. In the final example, the master of the house could have prevented the robbery if only he had known when the thief would come. This Gospel is a stern caution for each of us to live in preparation for Jesus' return. (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.

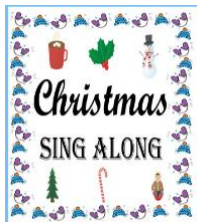
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TODAY
at 12:30 p.m. in the Hall



REMINDER: Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena THIS Friday, **December 6**, at 6:00 p.m.



Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Sing Along at 3:00 p.m., followed by the Christmas Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.



ST. MATT'S AFTER DARK
featuring
Angelica Elizabeth
THIS Saturday, **December 7**
6:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
\$15 donation

(Angelica is the daughter of Deacon Steve Smith)



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.** Contact person: **Bea Tiritilli**

INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK: 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 collect and donate toiletries, such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, skin lotion, etc., and deliver them to the site.

IMPORTANT: Postponed (new date TBA)
Xela Aid Book Talk and Signing

by Leslie Baer Dinkel



Leslie was the former music minister at Saint Matthew's in the late 1980s. Leslie led missions to Guatemala with many members of the Saint Matthew's community, encouraged to do so by, and visited Guatemala with, Bishop Peter.

HOPE DANCING

Finding Purpose and a Place to Serve Among the Maya
Twenty-five years in the making, Hope Dancing opens with stunning events in a refugee camp that set the author's life on a new course. It describes encounters with extraordinary people who inspired her, including Mother Teresa, and the sometimes curious coincidences that led her to Guatemala. She recounts the extortion, kidnapping and other misadventures and adventures, and shares eventual profound insights born of the making of a human development organization during and in the aftermath of civil war.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TODAY – Community Meeting @ 12:30 p.m. (Hall)
TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

- December 6 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- December 7 – St. Matt's After Dark featuring Angelica Elizabeth
- December 8-15-22-29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.
- December 15 – **POSTPONED (new date TBA)** Xela Aid Book Talk and Signing by Leslie Baer Dinkel
- December 15 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
- December 15 – Help Fill Christmas Stockings for the Elderly at 12 Noon (Hall)
- December 22 – Decorate Church for Christmas Season @ 3 p.m.
- December 24 – Christmas Sing Along @ 3:00 p.m.
- December 24 – Christmas Liturgy @ 4:00 p.m.



- January 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- January 5 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)
- January 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.
- January 8-15-22-29 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)
- January 11 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)
- January 19 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
- January 25 – Parish Council Retreat @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

February 14 – St. Matt's After Dark w/Bobby Jo Valentine

Happy **December** birthday wishes to:

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| Mary De Los Reyes | Robin Pehrson |
| Leslie Emery | Deacon Tony Russo |
| Matthew Hickman | Mo. Diane Smith |
| Justin Gomilla | Aaliyah Taufah |
| Fr. Bala Madan | Angelica Tronco |
| Cindy McCardwell | Lydia Tronco |
| Fr. Frank Munoz | Fr. Jerry Vecchione |

Happy **December** anniversary wishes to:

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| Jim and Irene Bronson | Fr. George and Emmie Florendo |
| Nico and Nicole Cardenas | Fr. Chinnappa and Anitha Madanu |

Santa will be making a visit to our church on Sunday, **December 22**, at **Noon**. Come and have your photo taken (bring your camera).



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season on Sunday, **December 22**, at 3:00 p.m.



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 REALLY NEED YOU!**

To advertise (\$20/month), please contact Kathryn, kathryntuma@sbcglobal.net or (714) 401-7184.

KEEP ME INFORMED

To receive emails from Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church, please send an email to the church's email, stmatthewecc@gmail.com to get on the distribution list. Please let **Kathryn** know of any snail mail address changes.

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.



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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