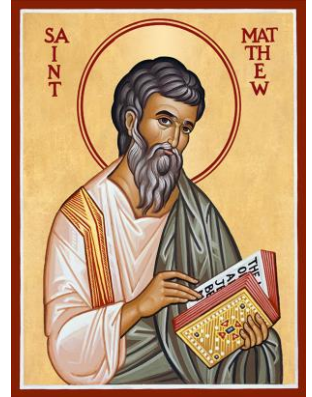




# SAINT MATTHEW

## 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](http://www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org)


**Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church**  
**Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us.**  
**December 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:**

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Presider</b>	Mother Diane Smith	Fr. Chinnappa Madanu
<b>Homilist</b>	Bill Singleton	Bill Singleton
<b>Deacons</b>	Tony Russo	Michael Hoopes Bhaskar Madanu
<b>Servers</b>	Meredythe Hutchinson	Liz Wessel Tonya Adams
<b>Ushers</b>	Jolene Johnson	Woody Wessel Jason Adams
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Wendy Rollins Victoria Greene	Susan Morano Bob Morano
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Doris Hand	Emmie Florendo Fr. George Florendo Fr. Toting Tronco

**NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:**

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. George Florendo	Bp. Peter Hickman
<b>Homilist</b>	Deacon Tony Russo	Bp. Peter Hickman
<b>Deacons</b>	Michael Hoopes	Tony Russo Adelia Sandoval
<b>Servers</b>	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Tammy Fuqua Garret Trumbo
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary Stacey	John Deane Jennie Guida
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Rachael Amaro Marylou Madriaga	Polly Touhey Doris Hand
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Emmie Florendo	Lydia Russo Doris Hand Joe Karam

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**Liturgical Ministers**  
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**Today's Readings**

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

**Gospel Summary:**



Matthew recounts the circumstances of Jesus' birth by telling us the story of Mary's engagement to Joseph and the child she carried originating from the Holy Spirit. This reality made no sense to Joseph, but he did not want to dishonor Mary so he planned to quietly divorce her. An angel came and told Joseph not to be afraid, that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and that they should call him Emmanuel meaning, "God is with us." (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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Santa will be making a visit to our church TODAY at **Noon**. Come and have your photo taken (bring your camera).





## ✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TODAY – Decorate Church for Christmas Season @ 3 p.m.  
TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.  
December 24 – Christmas Sing Along @ 3:00 p.m.  
December 24 – Christmas Liturgy @ 4:00 p.m.  
December 29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.



January 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena  
January 5 – Ordination of Tammy Fuqua to the Diaconate  
January 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m.  
January 8-15-22-29 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Hall)  
January 10 – Take Down Christmas @ 9:00 a.m.  
January 11 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)  
January 14 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)  
January 19 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)  
January 25 – Parish Council Retreat @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)  
February 2-9-16-23 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m.  
February 5-12-19 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Hall)  
February 7 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena  
February 8 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)  
February 11 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)  
February 14 – St. Matt's After Dark w/Bobby Jo Valentine  
February 16 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)  
February 26 – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12 p.m.  
March 1-8-15-22-29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m.  
March 4-11-18-25 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Hall)  
March 6 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena  
March 10 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)  
March 14 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)  
March 15 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)  
April 1-15-22-29 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Hall)  
April 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena  
April 5 – Palm Sunday  
April 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m.  
April 6-11 – Holy Week  
April 12 – Easter  
April 14 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)

Happy **December** birthday wishes to:  
Mary De Los Reyes Robin Pehrsen  
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:  
Jim and Irene Bronson Fr. George and Emmie Florendo  
Fr. Chinnappa and Anitha Madanu  
Mother Martha Rogers and Mother Jetty van den Berghe



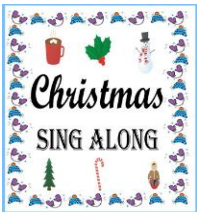
## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season **TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. Take Down Christmas on Friday, **January 10** at 9:00 a.m.

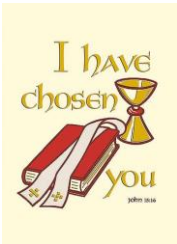


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## Tuesday, December 24

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



Come celebrate with us the diaconal ordination of **Tammy Fuqua** on Sunday, **January 5**, during the 10:30 liturgy. Please pray for Tammy as she is about to enter the ministry of the Catholic church as a permanent deacon.



**ST. MATT'S AFTER DARK**  
featuring  
Bobby Jo Valentine  
Friday, **February 14**  
7:00 p.m. (Parish Hall)  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
\$20 donation  
[www.bobbyjovalentine.com](http://www.bobbyjovalentine.com)



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.