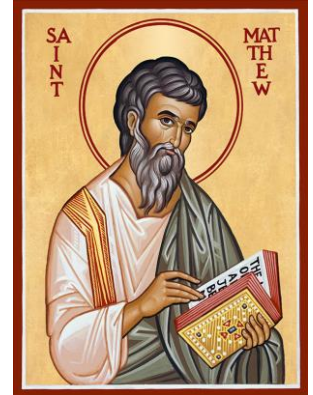




SAINT MATTHEW

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 15, 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Presider	Fr. Arturo Querijero	Fr. Arturo Querijero
Homilist	Fr. Arturo Querijero	Fr. Arturo Querijero
Deacons	Steve Smith Tony Russo	Michael Hoopes Adelia Sandoval
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Gabriel Hudierrez Garret Trumbo
Ushers	Mary Stacey	Veronica Taufa John Deane
Proclaimers	Marylou Madriaga	Polly Touhey Doris Hand
Eucharistic Ministers	Meghan Domer	Mariah Sandoval Lydia Russo Jennie Guida

NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:

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



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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 REALLY NEED YOU!**
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Today's Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Gospel Summary:

John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. If John himself did not wonder, it was likely that his followers did. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt their original perception. (RCLB)



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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 **NEXT Sunday, December 22, at Noon.** Come and have your photo taken (bring your camera).



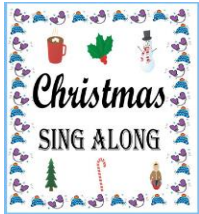
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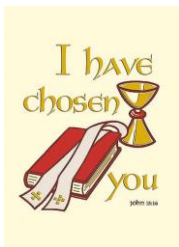
Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season **NEXT Sunday, December 22**, at 3:00 p.m. Take Down Christmas on Friday, **January 10** at 9:00 a.m.



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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



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TODAY – **POSTPONED** Xela Aid Book Talk and Signing by Leslie Baer Dinkel
TODAY – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m.
December 22 – Decorate Church for Christmas Season @ 3 p.m.
December 22-29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 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 – 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 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
Leslie Emery
Matthew Hickman
Justin Gomilla
Fr. Bala Madan
Cindy McCardwell
Fr. Frank Munoz
Robin Pehrson
Deacon Tony Russo
Mo. Diane Smith
Aaliyah Taufah
Angelica Tronco
Lydia Tronco
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

