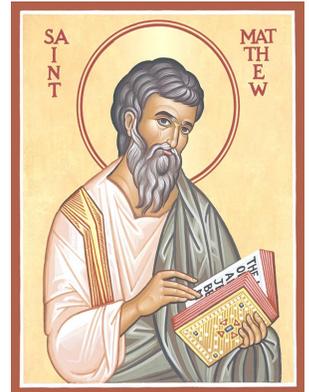




# SAINT MATTHEW

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*Celebrating Christ's love in all people for 35 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: Currently at 9:30 a.m.  
Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Bible Study:** Mondays (via Zoom)  
Contact Mo. Martha: (714) 606-4365

**Adult Study:** Dates TBD

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request

**Pray the Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. (currently via ZOOM)  
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# Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church

Welcome!

November 29, 2020 - The First Sunday of Advent

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

As we navigate through this pandemic, our church will have no "in person" liturgies at this time. Sunday mass will be livestreamed only, until further notice.

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### **Financial Update**

Please remember that the church operates solely on your kind donations. This year has been a tough one for Saint Matthew what with COVID-19 and some other setbacks. We are asking that you remember us as you pray on what you will give to your church. There are several ways that you can give. Just go to our website, saint-matthew.org and click on the GIVING tab. Thank you for your continued support!

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**Luke 2:24 – "... and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.'**" Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification is either a lamb or this pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us, and, of course, Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion but His all.

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### **Today's Readings**

Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

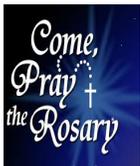
Mark 13: 33-37

### **Gospel Summary**



Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful and alert. He tells the story of a man who traveled abroad and placed his servants in charge. Each servant had his own work to do, and the gatekeeper's task was to be on watch for the man's return. In the same way we are to watch for the Lord's return, taking care to not fall asleep.

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Every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. we gather together in the church (currently via ZOOM) 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.

### **A Special Thank You.....**

Kathryn sends her heartfelt thanks to all who were involved and participated in the Memorial Mass of her husband, James M Tuma. She was overwhelmed by the attendance both in the church and on livestream. It was a lovely event to honor Jim.

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### **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THANKSGIVING**



We collect non-perishable donations for Western Service Workers Association's food pantry on the **first and third Sundays** of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

WSWA provides food, medical care, and other support to local, working-poor families. Contact person: **Deacon Tammy, 714-422-5428**

Western Service Workers Association needs volunteers with cars to help pick up and distribute food donations to hungry people in need who don't drive. Days/times they need help with include Fridays at around 10:30 a.m. and Sunday mornings to pick up perishable food (no later than 10:30 or 11) and other volunteers to deliver food to hungry folks in the community Sundays 12-3 pm. Even if people can volunteer once in a while, not necessarily every Sunday, that is helpful. Distribution is done in a no-contact manner. If you can help, please contact WSWA at 714-835-9961.

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Thank you to all the people that shared their recyclables with us. We will use the money we collect for our new Ministry. We will continue to collect recyclables in the Parish Gathering Room. Our next environmental awareness for the month of November is to turn off the lights when you leave a room. This will help in conserving energy and also help lower your electric bill.

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### **Ongoing Facebook Virtual Events**

Facebook Page:

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church

**Mass** is available on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** The recording will remain available to watch on Facebook any time after the live stream.

#### **Bible Study Group**

Our next Bible Study continues. Our topic will be on the Books of Wisdom.

#### **Rosary Group**

Pray the Rosary via Zoom on **Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.**

#### **Prayer Group**

Give and receive encouragement from one another through prayer, meditation, and study. Contact Mo. Martha or Mo. Jetty.

#### **Saint Matthew CommUNITY Communication Page**

Share uplifting posts among members of the Saint Matthew Community.

#### **Children's Religious Education Program**

Encourage your children to engage in the live stream of children's classes on **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.** This class welcomes all kids, including kids beyond our church community. View the "[Sonshine Club](#)" [Facebook page](#) to access lessons and craft sheets.

#### **Prayer and Meditation Sundays**

Join Dr. Eleanor Zatyko and the prayer and meditation group via Zoom on **Sundays at 7:00 p.m.**