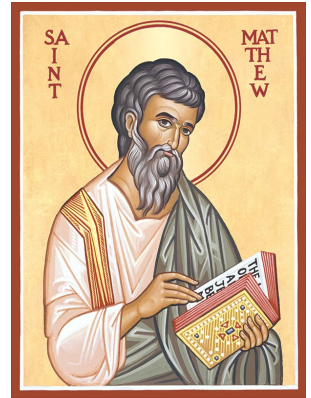




SAINT MATTHEW

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 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!
December 20, 2020 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Christmas Eve Mass

We will be celebrating our Christmas Mass on Thursday, December 24th at **3:00 p.m.**

This will be an outdoor service.

We invite you to join with us in remembering our Lord's birth. If you are not able to attend, the mass will be livestreamed as well. Bishop Peter will be the presider and homilist for this liturgy.

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 We are now celebrating the Sunday Liturgy in 2 ways. We will have an "in-person" mass outside on Sundays at 9:30a.m. as well as a live stream mass indoors at the same time. You may choose whichever way you like. This is on a trial basis as we navigate through the pandemic.

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!

Today's Readings

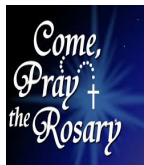
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a;
 Romans 16:25-27;
 Luke 1:26-38

Gospel Summary



The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive and bear a son and name him Jesus. Mary does not understand how this can be, and the angel explains that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and "the power of the

Most High will overshadow [her]." Gabriel then tells Mary that Elizabeth, too, will bear a son, emphasizing that "nothing will be impossible for God." Mary replies, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."- RCLB



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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.



Collect your aluminum cans, plastics, and glass bottles to recycle.

If you cannot recycle them, place them in bags and bring them by the church after our 9:30 Mass. We will recycle them. This is an ongoing event

at St. Matthew's.

Use Energy Efficient Light bulbs

Energy efficient light bulbs are a simple way to reduce the amount of power you use. Not only will this help the planet, it will also save your bank balance too. By replacing just one lightbulb, the effect can be tremendous. If every house in the USA did this, it would reduce pollution by the same amount as removing one million cars from the road!

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 Submissions for the bulletin should be sent to 64meems@gmail.com no later than Wednesday mornings.



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 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.

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.**