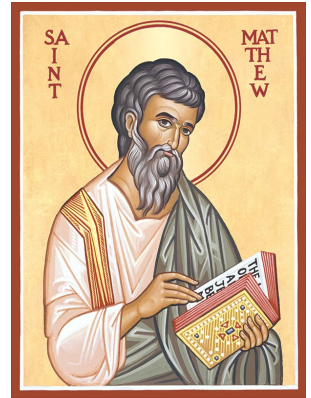




# SAINT MATTHEW

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

# Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church

Welcome!

December 13, 2020 - The Third Sunday of Advent

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

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 at the same time. You may choose whichever way you like. This is on a trial basis as we navigate through the pandemic.

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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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### **Today's Readings**

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11;

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

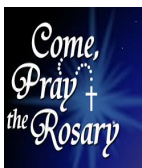
### **Gospel Summary**



Today's Gospel reading is taken from the first chapter of John. The passage has many parallels to last week's Gospel. It begins by telling us that John the Baptist "was not the light, but came to testify to the light." John the

Baptist himself makes it clear that he is not the Christ. He again explains that he is "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the LORD." - 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.

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**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!

Submissions for the bulletin should be sent to [64meems@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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.**



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Because Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church and the ministry of Bishop Peter and all the clergy and staff are so very important, I want to affirm my commitment by making a financial pledge for 2021. I further affirm my hopes and dreams that my commitment will preserve and extend Saint Matthew and the vision of Ecumenical Catholicism to future generations.

**My Saint Matthew 2021 Financial Stewardship Commitment**

**Parish Ministries and Operations:**                    **01/01/2021 – 12/31/2021**

Yes, I want to be an active participant in the vital ministry of my faith community of Saint Matthew. I pledge:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly (52 Sundays) for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly (12 months) for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This is an individual pledge \_\_\_\_\_.

This is a Family pledge: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please indicate your preferred method of payment:

**I will make weekly/monthly donations:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ at church    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by mail    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ online banking    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card

Would you like monthly statements mailed to you to help provide a record of your 2021 giving? Y/N

Monthly Credit Card Amount:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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