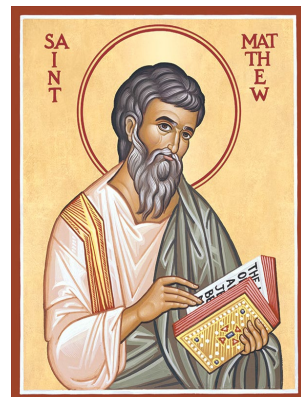




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ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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!

February 28, 2021 - The Second Sunday of Lent

Prayer list

Eleanor Zatyko – in rehab
Mother Diane Smith – in rehab
Mary Ann Ekbring – in rehab

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Come and worship with us! We are celebrating our indoor mass at 9:30am. We will be observing all Covid-19 social distancing and safety protocols. Masks *are* required. The mass will also be livestreamed.

40 DAYS – 40 ITEMS

“Spring Clean Up for the Heart and Soul of Saint Matthew”
Instead of giving up something for Lent this year why not try the



40 DAYS – 40 ITEMS CHALLENGE?
Each day of Lent, remove one item or more from your closet or house which you don't use or wear anymore

and place it in a bag. Every Sunday Saint Matthew will be collecting these items in the Lobby after each Mass starting March 7, 2021 through April 25, 2021. These items are tax deductible and receipts will be available upon request.

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Do you have a passion for eco-justice? Sacred Land: Food & Farming is an eight-session small group program being offered at St Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church and co-sponsored by St Matthew Environmental Stewardship ministry and Sacred Lands Coalition that celebrates our interconnectedness with the land and those who live on it.

Together, participants explore how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and their own health and spiritual wellbeing. Contact Mariah Doyle at mariahdoylesandoval@gmail.com for more information

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Today's Readings

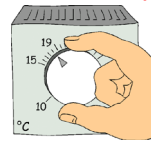
Genesis 22:1-2,9A,10-13,15-18
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10



Gospel Summary

In today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John—often described as the inner circle of disciples—went with Jesus to a high mountain. (In the Bible, mountains are often places of Divine Revelation.) The three are so overcome by what they see, hear, and experience that they do not know what to do or say. They simply know that they have witnessed something powerful. Jesus instructed them to tell no one of what they had seen, and they did indeed keep the matter to themselves. This is the opposite of what the leper in the Gospel just two Sundays ago did. He told everyone what happened to him!-RCLB

Environmental Tip brought to you by our Environmental Stewardship Ministry.



Lower the thermostat on your water heater to a reasonable temperature like 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Wrap your water heater in an insulated blanket. Turn down or shut off your water heater when you will be away for extended periods.

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

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St. Matthew's Social Justice and Outreach ministry collects food and toiletry donations weekly at the 9:30am and 12:30am masses. **Donations needed include healthy canned and dried food, toiletries, sanitizing and cleaning supplies, diapers (adult and children) and baby wipes.** Donations can be left at the church door closest to the outdoor-mass tent. This collection supports working-poor families of our community and is distributed by Western Service Workers Association of Santa Ana.

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. The topic will be The African Memory of the Gospel of Mark.

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