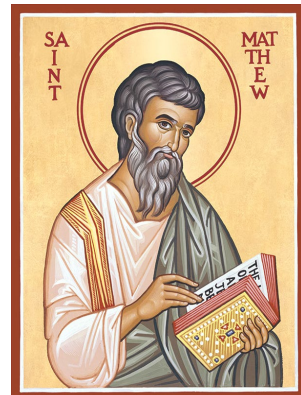




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Celebrating Christ's love in all people for 35 years!

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!

March 21, 2021 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prayer list

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

Deacon Jay Thompson – *recovering from surgery*



Join us for *in person* rosary at 5:15pm in the church sanctuary. You can also join in on Facebook Live Stream.

Join us for mass Sundays at 9:30 in English – in person or live-stream or at 12:30 for mass in Spanish – in person or live-stream.

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.



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

Today's Readings

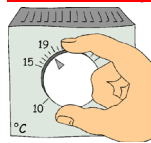
Jeremiah 31:31-34, 35b; Hebrews 5:7-9;
John 12:20-33

Gospel Summary



In today's Gospel, Jesus announces, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." But this glorification will take place only after his suffering and Death on the Cross. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat that only produces fruit when it falls to the ground and dies. He promises that those who die to themselves by serving him will know the reward of eternal life. - 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.

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



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.



The Social Justice & Outreach Ministry is also collecting Easter-basket items through **March 21** for Grandma's House of Hope, an Orange County nonprofit that helps families recovering from abusive situations. Items Needed:

- Pre-packaged, cellophane-wrapped Kids' Easter Baskets
- Medium-to-large Easter baskets and grass
- Rolls of cellophane wrap or basket-sized cellophane bags
- Wrapped-candy filled plastic Easter eggs
- New small toys, balls, cars (party favors)
- Bagged individually wrapped Easter candy
- Boxes of crayons/coloring or activity books
- New children's books for 6-12 year old readers

Please drop off items at the church alongside food donations for WSWA.