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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!

May 2, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



As we enter the church, we remember that we are entering a house of prayer and worship, a place of solace and grace. This is sacred space so please enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly!

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Prayer List

- Eleanor Zatyko – *convalescing*
- Mother Diane Smith – *convalescing*
- Mary Ann Ekbring – *convalescing*
- Deacon Jay Thompson – *convalescing*
- Cindy McCardwell – *convalescing*

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



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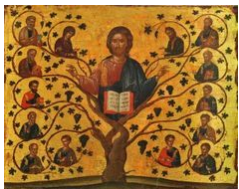
Join us for Mass Sundays at 9:30am in English – in person or live-stream – or at 12:30pm for Mass in Spanish – in person or live-stream.

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Today's Readings

Acts 9:26-31; 1John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Gospel Summary:



Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to help his listeners understand the interconnectedness and relationships between God the Father, Jesus, and all followers

of Jesus. Jesus is the vine and we, the followers, are the branches that grow from that vine. The way we glorify God is by bearing much fruit and by becoming disciples of Jesus. (RCLB)

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Environmental Tip (brought to you by our Environmental Stewardship Ministry)



Set your refrigerator temperature at a level that will maintain freshness without sacrificing energy (36 to 38 degrees and your freezer at 0 to 5).



Saint Matthew's Social Justice and Outreach Ministry collects food and toiletry donations weekly at the 9:30am and 12:30pm 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. This collection supports working-poor families of our community and is distributed by Western Service Workers Association (WSWA) 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 10:30am and Sunday mornings to pick up perishable food (no later than 11am) and other volunteers to deliver food to hungry folks in the community Sundays 12-3pm. 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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First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena on the first Friday of each month at 6:00pm.

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Words of Wisdom A Message from Brother Christopher

Life is about living, right? COVID-19, its restrictions, and how it all changed our world has certainly taught us that. But to live and to be fully alive requires action. And that means adding more verbs to our vocabulary.

Here are some to help guide you on your way.

Seek. Never stop being curious. Every day offers discovery. Shake off the lethargy and explore the world around you. God can be found everywhere you look.

Laugh. Life is serious, but living it is supposed to be fun. If the last year has taught us nothing, it's that we need laughter, joy, and levity to lift our battered spirits. Don't feel bad about wanting to feel better.

Ask. No one knows everything—thank goodness! Questions are not only OK; they're the key to learning and growing. Be curious. Ask questions. Never stop moving forward.

Forgive. It's often hard to do, but it's worth the effort. In Ephesians 4:32 it reads: "And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

Try. It wasn't very popular in a galaxy far, far away, but it's popular with us. If we didn't try new things, we'd all still be in onesies and kid shoes. God loves our efforts!

Help. It's easy to feel that there's too much to do, that there are too many problems to solve. But even the least confident among us can usually agree there's some way we can help—somebody, something, somewhere.

Create. Making something from scratch—whether it's a meal or a piece of art or an essay—is essential to a fulfilling life. It's a participation in God's work of creation. It keeps us from getting stuck in a rut of living someone else's story.

Reflect. Take time on a regular basis to stop whatever you're busy doing and look at the big picture. Think, pray, write in a journal, talk to a friend. Find one of a hundred ways that works for you.

Thank. Gratitude, love, and humility all are intertwined. God, our friends, our family, our coworkers—there is always someone deserving of a "thank you."

Listen. Before we can love someone, we have to know that person. To know someone, we have to listen. And sometimes the best listening we do comes through prayer.

Take some action today!

Peace and all good blessings,

Br Christopher



The Parish Council is a decision-making body dedicated to fulfilling the mission of Saint Matthew and provides leadership, structure and responsibility for formation of ministries within the community to help develop Church life. Authority is irrevocably delegated to the Council from the Pastor for making and implementing decisions.

**Contact our Parish Council
with your questions and concerns!**

The Parish Council email address is parishcouncil2021@gmail.com

This is an email address dedicated to Parish Council business.

For more information go to our website:

www.saint-matthew.org/parish-council

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