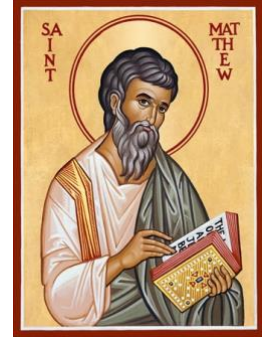




# SAINT MATTHEW

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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***Celebrating Christ's love in all people for 33 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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Adult Study:** Selected Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**Pray the Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request

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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! We are glad you are here to worship with us.**  
**March 24, 2019 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Presider/Homilist</b>	Fr. Arturo Querijero	Bp. Peter Hickman
<b>Deacon</b>	Steve Smith	Michael Hoopes
<b>Servers</b>	Meredythe Hutchinson	Tony Questel Garret Trumbo Adelia Sandoval
<b>Ushers</b>	Jolene Johnson	Jennie Guida John Deane Susan Morano
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Mike Mitchell Nancy Mitchell	Doris Hand Emmie Florendo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Meghan Domer	Fr. George Florendo Fr. Toting Tronco

**NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:**

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Mo. Diane Smith	Fr. Chinnappa Madanu
<b>Homilist</b>	Bill Singleton	Bill Singleton
<b>Deacon</b>	Michael Hoopes	Steve Smith
<b>Servers</b>	Mike Mitchell	Liz Wessel Tony Russo Tonya Adams
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary Stacey	Woody Wessel Jason Adams
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Rachael Amaro Wendy Rollins	Tammy Fuqua Lydia Russo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lou Clancy	Jeanne Blum Jennie Guida Joe Karam

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**Liturgical Ministers**  
 If you would like to participate in one of the ministries (altar server, proclaimer, Eucharistic Minister, or usher) during our Sunday liturgy, please let **Kathryn** know.  
**WE NEED YOU! TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**  
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**Today's Readings**

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

**Gospel Summary**



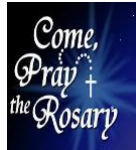
In ancient times, people thought death was the result of sinfulness. The crowds asked Jesus if that was true. He replied that it was no more true than the contrary: People lived because of righteousness. The point Jesus *did* make, however, was that repentance was necessary and necessarily immediate. Jesus then gave the people an illustration of a fig tree that had not produced fruit for three years. The vineyard owner wanted the tree cut down, but the gardener promised to aerate and fertilize it for one more year. If, by then, it did not bear fruit, the gardener would cut it down. Some scholars think the three years of

no yield correlate with Jesus' three years in ministry, but the main point is that with nurturing, all may come to bear fruit in the Kingdom. (RCLB)



**Holy Communion**

We here at Saint Matthew Church have recognized that the altar here in this place is not ours but the Lord's Table. As such, we realize that Jesus is the host of the Eucharistic meal. It is Jesus who invites all to come to His table, a table that has a place for everyone. It matters not what church or denomination you belong to for there is a place for you at this table of Jesus. All that is necessary is that your heart responds to the invitation of Jesus to receive His life from Him in this Eucharistic meal. As a Catholic community, we understand that in the gifts of bread and wine of the Eucharist we actually receive the risen life of Christ Himself. That is why we refer to these gifts as the body and blood of Christ. In this Holy Communion we receive the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ. Remember that Holy Communion is not a reward for any moral achievement or accomplishment of our own. Holy Communion is God's gift in Christ freely given in order that our lives may be transformed by the life of Christ that we now receive in this Eucharistic meal. Therefore, you are most welcome to receive this Blessed Sacrament with us at this liturgy.



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**Come Pray the Rosary**  
 Every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. we gather together in the church 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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**SACRED SPACE**  
 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 enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully, and come back gladly. We look forward to getting to know you so we invite you to join us in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass for conversation.  
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Here is the formula for determining the date of Easter Sunday for the Western calendar: Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (first day of Spring; usually in March) As Old Catholics we follow this formula for determining the date of Easter.

**+Bishop Peter Hickman**

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 Classes meet on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



**Adult Classes**  
**TODAY** – Contemporary Mystics: Thomas Merton, Mother Teresa, and others  
**March 31** – Lasting Influences of Mystics/Mysticism in Contemporary Catholicism



We collect non-perishable donations for **Western Service Workers Association's (WSWA)** food pantry. WSWA provides food, medical care, and other support to local, working-poor families. Greatest needs include peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, tuna, mayonnaise, pasta and sauce, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, beverages, and hot and cold cereal. **We encourage everyone to participate by bringing any of the above-mentioned donated items to church on Sunday, presented during the giving of our tithes and offerings.** WSWA is located about one mile south of our church at 1717 N. Bush, Santa Ana.

**INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK:** This is a moving shelter for the working homeless of Orange County. The residents of the shelter move about every two weeks to a hosting church, where they stay and receive the assistance of meals and assistance in locating jobs. *Items needed are: soap, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bathroom tissue, shampoo, conditioner, combs, and brushes.* **Please give these donations to Ned Bradley.**

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### Dashboard Listening Sessions

- April 14 – 9:30-10:45 (Classroom)
- April 28 – 9:15-10:30 (Classroom)

The Parish Council wants to hear from you. We are holding “listening sessions” on the above dates. We will discuss the strengths and improvements for the future of the church at each session. Sessions will last approximately 75 minutes and are limited to the first 10 parishioners each. Additional sessions will be scheduled if needed. If you have any questions about these sessions, please see **Brett Fallavollita**.

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May 18 –



May 19 –



June 22 –



September 8-29 –



- TODAY – Adult Education @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)  
 TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.
- March 27 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)  
 March 31 – Adult Education @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)  
 March 31 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.  
 March 31 – Brahms' Requiem (Concert Outing)
- April 3-10-24 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)  
 April 5 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.  
 April 7 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)  
 April 7-14-28 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.  
 April 9 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)  
 April 13 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)  
 April 14 – Palm Sunday  
 April 14 – Dashboard Listening Session @ 9:30 a.m. (Classroom)  
 April 15-20 – Holy Week  
 April 21 – Easter Sunday  
 April 28 – Dashboard Listening Session @ 9:15 a.m. (Classroom)
- May 1-8 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)  
 May 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.  
 May 5 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)  
 May 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.  
 May 11 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)  
 May 12 – Mother's Day  
 May 14 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)  
 May 18 – Garden Tea  
 May 19 – Congregational Meeting @ 9:30 a.m. (Church)  
 May 19 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
- June 7-9 – Men's Group Retreat  
 June 16 – Stewardship Ministry Fair  
 June 22 – Annual Auction
- September 8-29 – 50/50 Raffle  
 October 4-6 – Women's Retreat  
 November 3-10-17-24 – Stewardship Sundays
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Happy **March** birthday wishes:

- 26-Jason Adams
- 27-Kathy Wenzel
- 29-Erin Paunovich
- 30- Aden Taufa
- 31-Jasmine Tronco

Meghan Domer Judy Veiga

Happy **March** anniversary wishes to:

- 22-Fr. Ben and Marylou Madriaga
- 25-James and Lou Clancy
- Meredythe and Ben Hutchinson

(When is your birthday/anniversary? Please let **Kathryn** know.)

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### Parish Council

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| Victoria Anderson  | Victoria Greene | Steve Ross     |
| Lou Clancy         | Claudia Kilby   | Tony Russo     |
| Brett Fallavollita | Mike Mitchell   | Bill Singleton |

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**KEEP ME INFORMED**

To receive emails from Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church, please send an email to the church's email, [stmatthewecc@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewecc@gmail.com), to get on the distribution list. Please let **Kathryn** know of any snail mail address changes.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The solicitation of funds from the members of Saint Matthew Church or any charitable organization must obtain prior approval from the Parish Council.



**Like us on Facebook**

Each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we videotape the Gospel and Homily portions of the liturgy that is then posted on Facebook, YouTube and other internet venues. **Search: Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church.** Please be aware that, for the most part, no one, other than the ministers who are actively engaged in the liturgy, is intentionally video recorded and posted on the internet.



**Prayer and Meditation**

Sundays @ 7 p.m. at the home of Dr. Ellie Zatyko.

For information and directions, please call 714-595-8875.



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**Jason Adams**

No Job Too Small

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