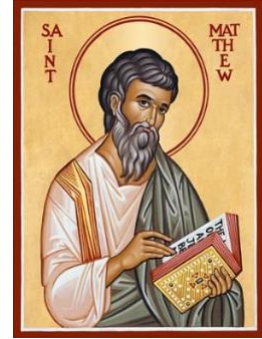




SAINT MATTHEW

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-union.org


Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us.
March 31, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

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

NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Presider/Homilist	Bp. Peter Hickman	Bp. Peter Hickman
Deacon	Steve Smith	Michael Hoopes
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Angelica Tronco Garret Trumbo
Ushers	Linette Davenport	Jason Adams Veronica Taufa
Proclaimers	Marylou Madriaga Doris Hand	Susan Morano Bob Morano
Eucharistic Ministers	Meghan Domer	Karen Bradley Ned Bradley Irene Bronson

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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

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 11:17-20; Ephesians 2:1-9; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Gospel Summary

Today's Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a faraway place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realized that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honor. The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found. (RCLB)



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.



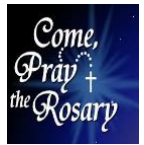
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 The Eucharist is the highest prayer of the Church. The name (word), Eucharist, is derived from the old Greek word that means "thanksgiving." Different churches call this prayer by different names: some call it simply the Lord's Supper; others call it the mass; still others refer to this prayer as Holy Communion.

So, the prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of gratitude. In this prayer, the Church, and each member thereof, offers itself unto her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the signs of bread and wine. He, in turn, accepts our offering (and each of us as well). Jesus then transforms, through the power of His grace and love and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, the ordinary bread and wine into His "real presence (into His body and blood, His soul and full divinity, which is a way of saying "His Life").

So, in communion we are united with Christ in His person, in His life, in His passion and death, and in His resurrection. In the Eucharist we are brought into perfect union with the life and work of Jesus. By participating in the Eucharist we constantly renew our union in and with Jesus (this is Holy Communion).

Jesus holds nothing back. He gives His entire self to us in what we call Holy Communion. So, we who receive the Eucharist receive and renew our life in Jesus and come into perfect fellowship with Him and consequently with each other as members of His beloved community of disciples. The Church herself, becomes the Beloved Community through the prayer and action of the Eucharist. Through the presence and work of Jesus we become the Church: the people of God!

Therefore we come to understand that it is the Eucharist that constitutes (creates) the Church! The miracle of the incarnation of God in Christ leads to the miracle of the inception of the Church and the miracle of each Eucharist that brings us all back to Christ, the source of our life and salvation! So, in the prayer of the Eucharist, bread and wine are transformed into the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus and we are transformed into His Divine Image!
+Bishop Peter E. Hickman



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 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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 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.



Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 14

- 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. – Mass (Regular Sunday Schedule)
Come hear the narrative of Christ’s Passion according to Saint Luke.

Monday of Holy Week, April 15

- 7:00 p.m. – Chrism Mass (Spanish) at Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, 3908 Woodruff Ave, Long Beach, CA 90808

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17

- 7:00 p.m. – Chrism Mass (English) at Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
Bishop Peter will bless the holy oils that are used throughout the year in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination, and the anointing of the sick. Priests will renew their ordination promises.

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday, April 18

- 7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord’s Supper (bilingual) (traditional foot washing)

Good Friday, April 19

- 12 Noon – The Passion According to Saint John followed by the Stations and Veneration of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. – Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2400 N. Canal Street, Orange, CA 92865

Holy Saturday, April 20

- 6:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil (English)

Easter Sunday, April 21

- 6:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service (Spanish)
- 10:30 a.m. – Easter (English)
- 12:30 p.m. – Easter (Spanish)

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Liturgical Environment

April 20 – Decorate Church for Easter @ 9 a.m.

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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.**

Dashboard Listening Sessions

- April 14 – 9:30-10:45 (Classroom)
- April 28 – 12:30-1:45 (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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Welcome to AmazonSmile!
Thank you for supporting
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TODAY – Adult Education @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)
TODAY – Brahms' Requiem (Concert Outing)
TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

- 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 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.
- June 7-9 – Men’s Group Retreat
- June 16 – Stewardship Ministry Fair
- June 22 – “Beach Blanket” Auction
- September 8-29 – 50/50 Raffle
- October 4-6 – Women’s Retreat
- November 3-10-17-24 – Stewardship Sundays

To advertise (\$20/month), please contact Kathryn, kathryntuma@sbcglobal.net or (714) 401-7184.

KEEP ME INFORMED

To receive emails from Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church, please send an email to the church's email, 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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