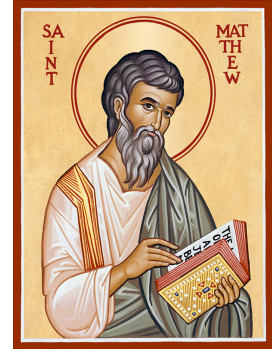




SAINT MATTHEW

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: To be announced

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

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us.
September 22, 2019 - The Feast of St. Matthew

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Presider	Bp. Peter Hickman	Bp. Peter Hickman
Homilist	Victoria Anderson	Victoria Anderson
Deacons	Steve Smith	Michael Hoopes Tony Russo
Servers	Mike Mitchell	Lydia Tronco Garret Trumbo Gabriel Hudierrez
Ushers	Mary Stacey	John Deane Jennie Guida
Proclaimers	Nancy Mitchell Lou Clancy	Lydia Russo Tammy Fuqua
Eucharistic Ministers	Meghan Domer	Emmie Florendo Fr. George Florendo Irene Bronson

NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Presider	Bp. Peter Hickman	Mother Diane Smith
Homilist	Bp. Peter Hickman	Mother Martha Rogers
Deacons	Michael Hoopes	Steve Smith Tony Russo
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Liz Wessel Tammy Fuqua Adelia Sandoval
Ushers	Jolene Johnson	Veronica Taufa Jason Adams
Proclaimers	Rachael Amaro Marylou Madriaga	Polly Touhey Doris Hand
Eucharistic Ministers	Lou Clancy	Jennie Guida Mariah Sandoval Fr. Toting Tronco



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 REALLY NEED YOU!**

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN



On Sunday, **October 6**, at both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis with our annual Blessing of the Animals. So bring your dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, lizards, and any other pets or beasts of burden and we will bless them all! Make sure that each animal is appropriately leashed or caged! Caged critters will be placed around the altar. Dogs and cats may be seated with you. Horses, mules, and any larger animals must remain outside.

"Saint Matthew Church is an authentic catholic community of faith that intentionally participates in the earliest expression of our common ancient Catholic faith tradition."

+Bishop Peter E. Hickman

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Today's Readings

Acts 1:12-17, 20-26; Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13



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St. Matthew

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle."

Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21. --Catholic Online

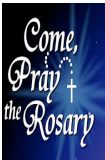
St. Matthew Prayer

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant.

Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven.



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.



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.



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.



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.** Contact person: **Bea Tiritilli**

INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK: The residents of the shelters move about every two weeks to a hosting church, where they receive the assistance of meals and assistance in locating jobs. We collect and donate toiletries, such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, skin lotion, etc., and deliver them to the site. Please give these donations to Ned Bradley who will keep a bin out each Sunday. Questions? Call **Ned Bradley** at 714-392-4845.

BBQ for 30 Drawing

Drawing Date: September 29 at the picnic

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE and will be sold TODAY and next Sunday after all Sunday Masses.

TICKETS: \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00

Value: Priceless

Second, Third and Fourth Place Prizes will also be awarded. (Winners need not be present)



Saint Matthew Church Picnic

NEXT SUNDAY, September 29

Noon – 4:00 p.m.



El Camino Real Park, 400 N. Main Street, Orange
(We will be in the pavilion off of Sycamore like last year.)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

September 25 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)
September 29 – Church Picnic/Drawing for BBQ for 30
September 29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

October 2-9-16-23 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)
October 4 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.
October 4-6 – Women's Retreat
October 6 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)
October 6 – Blessing of the Animals
October 6-13-20-27 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.
October 8 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
October 12 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)
October 13 – Camerata Peace Project (Concert Outing)
October 20 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)

November 1 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.
November 3 – Mass of All Saints/All Souls
November 3 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)
November 3-10-17-24 – Stewardship Sundays
November 3-10-17-24 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.
November 6-13-20 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)
November 10 – Diaconal Ordination of Adelia Sandoval
November 12 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
November 15-17 – Men's Retreat
November 17 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
November 27 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Liturgy at Trinity Episcopal Church @ 7 p.m.
November 30 – Decorate Church for Advent Season @ 9 a.m.

December 1 – Ministry Team Meetings @ 9:30 a.m. (Hall)
December 1-8-10-17 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.
December 6 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena @ 6 p.m.
December 10 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
December 14 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)
December 15 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
December 21 – Messiah (Concert Outing)
December 22 – Decorate Church for Christmas Season @ 3 p.m.
December 24 – Christmas Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy **September** birthday wishes to:

- 21-Margaret Sanders
- 22-Aiga Taufu
- 26-Bob Morano
- 29-Michael Kuchta

Happy **September** anniversary wishes to:

- 19-Claudia Kilby and Craig Redmann
- 22-Jack and Carol Chestek
- 23-Tony and Lydia Russo

Parish Council

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

The Parish Council now has an email address:

stmattsparishcouncil1985@gmail.com

This email may be used to contact any Parish Council member with comments, suggestions, concerns or questions.

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 go to our website, www.saint-matthew.org, and complete the "Join Our Email List" at the bottom of the Home page. Also, please let Kathryn know of your address, phone number and email. Thank you.

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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