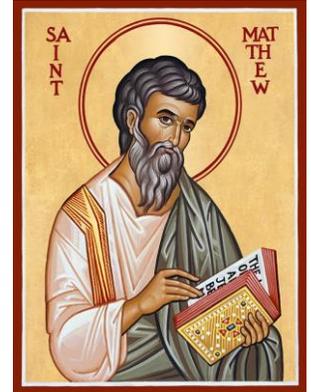




SAINT MATTHEW

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Celebrating Christ's love in all people for 34 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)

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
(Dates TBD)

Adult Study: Selected Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Pray the Rosary: Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request

Clergy Council*:

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*Fr. Ben Madriaga (714) 392-4699
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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.
December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Presider	Fr. Toting Tronco	Fr. Ron Ruanto
Homilist	Fr. Toting Tronco	Fr. Ron Ruanto
Deacons	Michael Hoopes Adelia Sandoval	Steve Smith Tony Russo
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Liz Wessel
Ushers	Jolene Johnson	Woody Wessel Jason Adams
Proclaimers	Wendy Rollins	Polly Touhey Susan Morano
Eucharistic Ministers	Doris Hand	Mariah Sandoval Jeanne Blum Jennie Guida

NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Presider	Fr. Arturo Querijero	Fr. Arturo Querijero
Homilist	Fr. Arturo Querijero	Fr. Arturo Querijero
Deacons	Steve Smith Tony Russo	Michael Hoopes Adelia Sandoval
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Gabriel Hudierrez Garret Trumbo
Ushers	Mary Stacey	Veronica Taufa John Deane
Proclaimers	Marylou Madriaga	Polly Touhey Doris Hand
Eucharistic Ministers	Meghan Domer	Mariah Sandoval Lydia Russo Jennie Guida



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!**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Gospel Summary:

In Matthew's Gospel, we learn of John's continued warning for us to be ready for Jesus when he comes again. It is not enough that we are sons and daughters of Abraham, but by our own desire, we want to live a life pleasing to God. The Gospel challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of lives must show what we believe about our faith. (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.



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.

Peace

Financial Update

Mortgage Principal:

Refi 2/2007 - \$350,000.00

12/1/2019 - \$223,349.14

November Income: \$35,121.87

November Expenses: \$23,972.47

Net Profit/Loss: \$11,149.40

Some members have been making donations for the mortgage principal. Donations may be made to the principal by writing mortgage principal on your check (or envelope if donating cash).

Beginning in January, these donations will **not** count toward your weekly/monthly pledge and should be donated by **separate** check.

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Santa will be making a visit to our church on Sunday, **December 22**, at **Noon**. Come and have your photo taken (bring your camera).



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

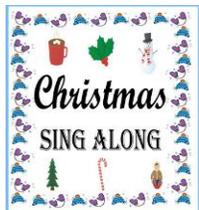


Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season on Sunday, **December 22**, at 3:00 p.m. Take Down Christmas on Friday, **January 10**, at 9:00 a.m.



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Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Sing Along at 3:00 p.m., followed by the Christmas Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.

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ST. MATT'S AFTER DARK

featuring
Bobby Jo Valentine
Friday, **February 14**
7:00 p.m. (Parish Hall)
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
\$20 donation
www.bobbyjovalentine.com

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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.** 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.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

December 15 – **POSTPONED** Xela Aid Book Talk and Signing by Leslie Baer Dinkel

December 15 – Help Fill Christmas Stockings for the Elderly at Noon (Hall)

December 15 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)

December 15-22-29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

December 22 – Decorate Church for Christmas Season @ 3 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Sing Along @ 3:00 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Liturgy @ 4:00 p.m.



January 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena

January 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

January 8-15-22-29 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)

January 10 – Take Down Christmas @ 9:00 a.m.

January 11 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

January 19 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)

January 25 – Parish Council Retreat @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

February 2-9-16-23 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m.

February 5-12-19 – Bible Study @ 7 p.m. (Hall)

February 7 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena

February 8 – Men's Group @ 9 a.m. (Hall)

February 11 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)

February 14 – St. Matt's After Dark w/Bobby Jo Valentine

February 16 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)

February 26 – Ash Wednesday

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 6-11 – Holy Week

April 12 – Easter

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Happy **December** birthday wishes to:

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| Mary De Los Reyes | Robin Pehrson |
| Leslie Emery | Deacon Tony Russo |
| Matthew Hickman | Mo. Diane Smith |
| Justin Gomilla | Aaliyah Taufah |
| Fr. Bala Madan | Angelica Tronco |
| Cindy McCardwell | Lydia Tronco |
| Fr. Frank Munoz | Fr. Jerry Vecchione |

Happy **December** anniversary wishes to:

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| Jim and Irene Bronson | Fr. George and Emmie Florendo |
| Nico and Nicole Cardenas | Fr. Chinnappa and Anitha Madanu |