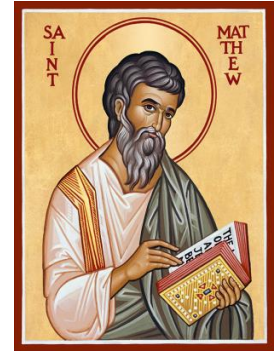




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Celebrating Christ's love in all people for 34 years!

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

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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.
February 23, 2020 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Presider	Fr. Ben Madriaga	Fr. Chinnappa Madanu
Homilist	Mo. Martha Rogers	Mo. Martha Rogers
Deacons	Michael Hoopes	Tony Russo Bhaskar Madanu
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Garret Trumbo
Ushers	Mary Stacey	John Deane Felix Duenas
Proclaimers	Marylou Madriaga Rachael Amaro	Doris Hand Polly Touhey
Eucharistic Ministers	Meghan Domer	Jennie Guida Jeanne Blum Irene Bronson

NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Presider	Fr. Ben Madriaga	Mo. Diane Smith
Homilist	Deacon Tony Russo	Bp. Peter Hickman
Deacons	Michael Hoopes	Tony Russo
Servers	Meredythe Hutchinson	Liz Wessel
Ushers	Jolene Johnson	Woody Wessel Jason Adams
Proclaimers	Marylou Madriaga Wendy Rollins	Susan Morano Bob Morano
Eucharistic Ministers	Doris Hand	Emmie Florendo Fr. George Florendo Fr. Toting Tronco

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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.
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Today's Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Gospel Summary:

In this Sunday proclamation, we continue to hear from Matthew's Gospel account of the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus calls us to holiness. Jesus' preaching does not devalue the Mosaic Law, but reveals the heart of God's Law. To observe God's Law, we are to live a life of holiness. We are called to be perfect as God is perfect.

Perfection is a tall order, but Jesus asks us as his disciples to emulate the perfection of God the Father. Jesus is calling us to "be perfect" in our relationships with one another. So we are called to love one another as God loves us. And in loving others as God loves us, we emulate the perfection of God. (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.



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.



February 26 at 12 Noon
 Mass and the distribution of ashes

Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. at
 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
 800 N. Cambridge Street
 Orange, CA 92867

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry meets the third Sunday of every month at 12:00 p.m. in the classroom. It is a time for individual and group sharing, pastoral counseling, and prayer for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one.

These grief counseling meetings are open to anyone in need, and are led by a member of Saint Matthew's clergy.

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4)

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Opportunities

Two opportunities during the year for a church to introduce itself to newcomers are Easter and Christmas. An invitation to join us for services may lead to a repeated visit and new members. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to increase our membership! We can reach 1,078,454 people with a Los Angeles Times Orange County edition newspaper (and on-line) ad directed to subscribers in their OC communities.

Ad placement planned for March 29 and April 5 Sunday papers. Our **target audience** for this advertising effort is retired and employed homeowners over forty years of age who are more likely to be LA Times subscribers.

We need your help to finance this ad. Two options proposed: Smaller ad for **\$101.62** or larger ad with graphics for **\$203.58**. **Help us cover the cost.** Donation cycle for ad cost begins **February 23 and ends March 22**. Write check payable to Saint Matthew Church with “Easter newspaper ad” in “Memo” line of check, or donate cash in envelopes provided at each church entrance door. Kathryn will tally donations and announcement will be made when we reach our goal.

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We collect non-perishable donations for Western Service Workers Association's 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 & sauce, soups, canned fruits & vegetables, beverages, toiletries and hot & cold cereal. We encourage parishioners to leave such items near the offering table each Sunday. They are presented along with gifts and tithes at the 10:30 Mass. Contact person: **Béa Tiritilli**, (714) 292-2899.

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- TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m. (see back page)
- February 26 – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 12 p.m.
- March 1-8-15-22-29 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. (see back page)
- March 4-11-18-25 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Classroom)
- March 6 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- March 10 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
- March 14 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)
- March 15 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
- April 1-15-22-29 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Classroom)
- April 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- April 5 – Palm Sunday
- April 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m.
- April 6-11 – Holy Week
- April 12 – Easter
- April 14 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
- May 1 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- May 3-10-17-24-31 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. (see back page)
- May 6-13-20-27 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Classroom)
- May 9 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)
- May 10 – Mother's Day
- May 12 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
- May 17 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
- June 5 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- June 7-14-21-28 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. (see back page)
- June 9 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
- June 13 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)
- June 21 – Father's Day
- June 21 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
- July 3 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- July 5-12-19-26 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. (see back page)
- July 11 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)
- July 14 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
- July 19 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)
- August 2-9-16-23-30 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 p.m. (see back page)
- August 7 – First Friday Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena
- August 8 – Men's Group @ 9:00 a.m. (Hall)
- August 11 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)
- August 16 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)

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- Happy **February** birthday wishes:
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| Colleen Cope | Amani Taufa |
| John Deane | Tessa Wenzel |
| Fr. Ben Madriaga | Woody Wessel |
| Mariah Sandoval | Lili West |
| Kennedy Stephenson | |
- Happy **February** anniversary wishes to:
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| Chuck and Doris Hand | Bob and Susan Morano |
| Gerald and Bea Tiritilli | Fr. Jerry and Diane Vecchione |

(Please let **Kathryn** know of your birthday/anniversary so we may celebrate you.)

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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