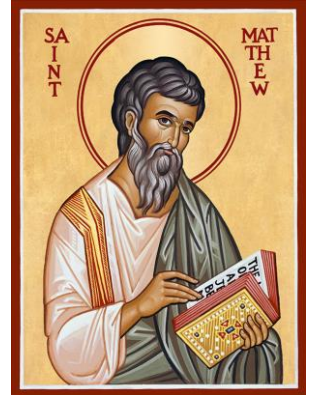




# SAINT MATTHEW

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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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.**  
**February 9, 2020 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:**

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Toting Tronco	Fr. Ron Ruanto
<b>Homilist</b>	Bp. Peter Hickman	Fr. Ron Ruanto
<b>Deacons</b>	Tony Russo Tammy Fuqua	Michael Hoopes Adelia Sandoval
<b>Servers</b>	Meredythe Hutchinson	Lydia Tronco Garret Trumbo
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary Stacey	John Deane Felix Duenas
<b>Proclaimers</b>	Marylou Madriaga Rachael Amaro	Doris Hand Polly Touhey
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Meghan Domer	Mariah Sandoval Jennie Guida Emmie Florendo

**NEXT WEEK'S Liturgical Ministers:**

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



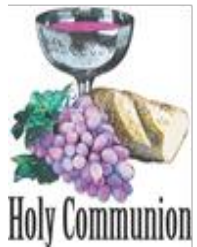
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 If you would like to participate in one of the ministries (altar server, proclaimer, Eucharistic Minister, or usher) during our Sunday liturgy, please let **Kathryn** know.  
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**Today's Readings**

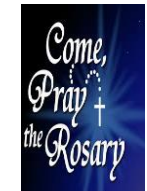
Isaiah 58:6-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

**Gospel Summary:**

It is common for us in our times to be careful about the salt we use. However, in Jesus' day, salt was a very important commodity. It was used to pay salaries. Like us, people used salt to flavor food. But, because there was no refrigeration, salt was also used to preserve food. That is why, when Jesus called his disciples "salt" and "light," he declared their great importance. What was of significant importance to Jesus was the enthusiasm with which the disciples spread the Good News. (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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 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.  
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**Burning of the Palms for Ash Wednesday**

Now is the time to bring last year's dried palms back to the church so that they may be burned in preparation for **Ash Wednesday**. Traditionally, it is the ashes of these burnt palm branches that are used on that day as a sign of our commitment to follow Jesus in His journey to the events that has become for us the Paschal Mystery. Please bring your palms **Sunday, February 23**, as they will be burned at the beginning of each liturgy.

Ash  
**Wednesday**   
**February 26 at 12 Noon**  
 Mass and the distribution of ashes  
 Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service  
**7:00 p.m.** (location TBD)

## FINANCIAL NEWS

January 2020 Income: \$16,637.96  
 January 2020 Expenses: \$22,199.98  
 Net/Loss: -\$5,562.02

Saint Matthew Church is solely supported by donations. The vision for the formation of Saint Matthew Church was (and still is) to build and grow a renewed faith community that would be both authentically Catholic and truly ecumenical.

1997 Mortgage Purchase Price: \$665,000.00  
 2007 Refinance: \$350,000.00  
 November 2019 Principal Balance: \$223,624.14  
 December 2019 Principal Balance: \$223,349.14  
 January 2020 Principal Balance: \$222,999.14  
 February 2020 Principal Balance: \$222,649.14

If you would like to help pay down the mortgage principal (separate from your tithing for operations), please designate the amount by writing mortgage principal on your check or envelope.

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### Congratulations to Concert Raffle Winner - Teri Davis!

The drawing for two Bobby Jo Valentine concert tickets was held at 11:30 a.m. February 2. Eleven raffle tickets were sold; six participants; several people purchased multiple tickets. Thank you for participating in this fund-raising effort. Please join us at the concert on Friday, February 14.

### Thank you Brisket Brothers!

The Brisket Brothers provided their award-winning prime smoked brisket, barbeque ribs, pulled pork and all the accompaniments on Saturday, February 1, for the Parish Council and guests. "This was a very fancy barbeque! Smokey, sweet and tender," remarked **Sharon Smith** who was the raffle winner of the meal. **Deacon Tony Russo** and his wife, **Lydia Russo**, proudly made this prize possible by knowing the right people: their family members who operate this novel catering business. So, big thanks goes to The Brisket Brothers, and a well-deserved recommendation: This is a meal that is sure to be a big hit with everyone at you next party.

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New **Membership Ministry Team**--open to all interested--will meet TODAY, **February 9**, at 12:30 p.m. in the classroom. Join us and bring your ideas and recommendations for new member recruitment.

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### ST. MATT'S AFTER DARK

featuring  
 Bobby Jo Valentine  
**THIS Friday, February 14**  
 7:00 p.m. (Church)  
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
 \$20 donation  
[www.bobbyjovalentine.com](http://www.bobbyjovalentine.com)

Tickets are now available for purchase. Please see **Sharon or Kathryn**. Tickets may also be purchased at the door or online at [saint-matthew.org/shop](http://saint-matthew.org/shop).

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## LOOKING FOR PHOTOS

Do you have photos from a special mass or celebration? Outings or community outreach? Bible study or education?

We're always looking for real photos to use on our website, flyers, social media, and other outreach.

Here's what works best:

- Good lighting, subjects in focus
- Happy, smiling faces (or earnest, mindful ones depending on the situation)
- Diversity of all kinds
- Candid shots rather than posed ones

Find the webpage at: <https://saint-matthew.org/photos>

Note: We want to show children and young adults in the community, but will need guardian permission before using them. Photos from behind or ones that obscure their identity are fine.



Thank you for taking the time to share with us your beautifully-captured memories!

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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TODAY – Membership Ministry Team Meeting @ 12:30 p.m.  
 TONIGHT – Prayer and Meditation @ 7 p.m. (see back page)

February 11 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. (Hall)  
 February 12-19 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Hall)  
 February 14 – St. Matt's After Dark w/Bobby Jo Valentine  
 February 16 – Bereavement Ministry @ 12 p.m. (Classroom)  
 February 16-23 – Prayer and Meditation @ 7:00 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.  
 March 4-11-18-25 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Hall)  
 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. (Hall)  
 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.  
 May 6-13-20-27 – Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (Hall)  
 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)

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Happy **February** birthday wishes:

Colleen Cope	Amani Taufa
John Deane	Tessa Wenzel
Fr. Ben Madriaga	Woody Wessel
Mariah Sandoval	Lili West
Kennedy Stephenson	

Happy **February** anniversary wishes to:

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

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**KEEP ME INFORMED**

To receive emails from Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church, please go to our website, [www.saint-matthew.org](http://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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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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