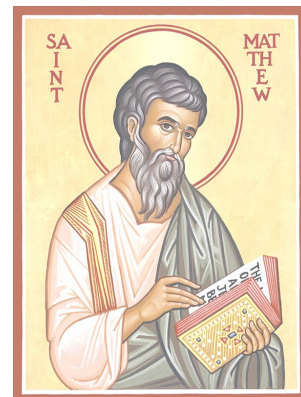




SAINT MATTHEW

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: Currently at 9:30 a.m.

Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Bible Study: Mondays (via Zoom)

Contact Mo. Martha: (714) 606-4365

Adult Study: Dates TBD

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request

Pray the Rosary: Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. (currently via ZOOM)

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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.
October 4, 2020 - The Feast of Saint Francis

TODAY'S Liturgical Ministers:

9:30 a.m.
Presider Fr. Toting Tronco
Homilist Fr. Toting Tronco
Deacons Deacon Tony Russo
Server Deacon Tammy Fuqua
Ushers Joshua Cruz
Proclaimers Marylou Madriaga

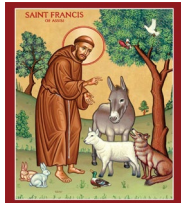


If you would like to participate in one of the ministries (proclaimer, server, or usher only at this time) during our Sunday liturgy, please let **Doris Hand** know.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 9:1-9; Romans 8:15-23; Matthew 5: 1-12

Today we celebrate the **Feast of Saint Francis**
and the Blessing of our Animals



Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and environment, could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. Saint Francis cared for the poor and sick; he preached sermons to animals; and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God.



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 (currently via ZOOM) 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 food pantry on the **first and third Sundays** of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 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. Contact person: **Béa Tirtilli**, (714) 292-2899.

Western Service Workers Association needs volunteers with cars to help pick up and distribute food donations to hungry people in need who don't drive. Days/times they need help with include Fridays at around 10:30 a.m. and Sunday mornings to pick up perishable food (no later than 10:30 or 11) and other volunteers to deliver food to hungry folks in the community Sundays 12-3 pm. Even if people can volunteer once in a while, not necessarily every Sunday, that is helpful. Distribution is done in a no-contact manner. If you can help, please contact WSWA at 714-835-9961.

Ongoing Facebook Virtual Events

Facebook Page: Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church

Feel free to join any of Saint Matthew's virtual Facebook events and Facebook groups mentioned below to engage with others in our community and further feed your spirit throughout the week.

Mass is available on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** The recording will remain available to watch on Facebook any time after the live stream.

Bible Study Group

Our next Bible Study will begin on **Monday, October 12**. Our topic will be on the Books of Wisdom.

Rosary Group

Pray the Rosary via Zoom on **Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.**

Prayer Group

Give and receive encouragement from one another through prayer, meditation, and study. Contact Mo. Martha or Mo. Jetty.

Saint Matthew COMMUNITY Communication Page

Share uplifting posts among members of the Saint Matthew Community.

Children's Religious Education Program

Encourage your children to engage in the live stream of children's classes on **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.** This class welcomes all kids, including kids beyond our church community. View the "[Sonshine Club](#)" Facebook page to access lessons and craft sheets.

Prayer and Meditation Sundays

Join Dr. Eleanor Zatyko and the prayer and meditation group via Zoom on **Sundays at 7:00 p.m.**

Jim Tuma's memorial is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 17, at 2:00 p.m.** in the church. A reception will follow.

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

-Saint Francis of Assisi

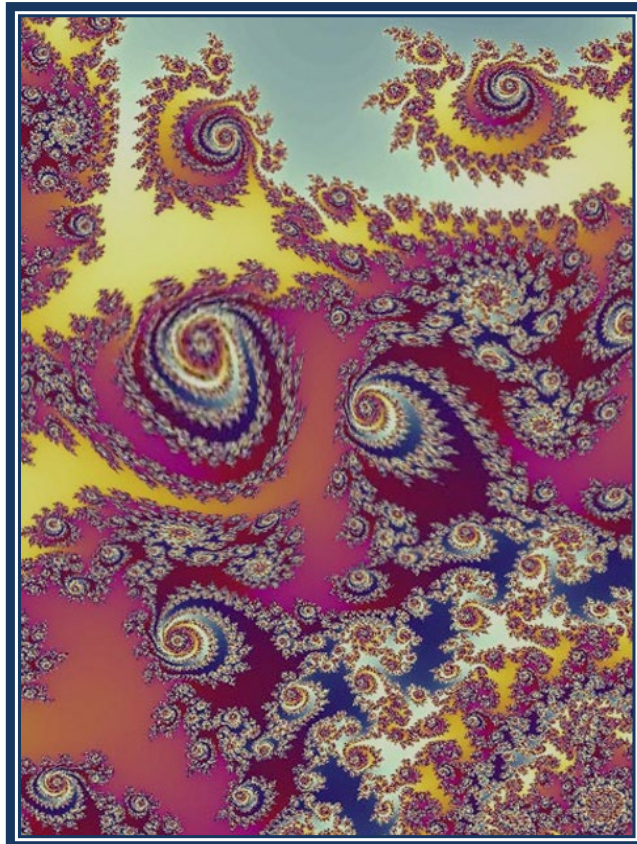
Any information to be added in the bulletin must be sent to Mirella by Tuesday of each week. Her email is 64meems@gmail.com.

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*Out of Chaos: Let Our Ordered Lives Confess the Beauty of Peace
An Introduction to the Wisdom Books*

This seven-week study will be presented through Facebook Live and Zoom, hosted by Rev. Mo. Martha Rogers. For Facebook Live, go to "Saint Matthew Bible Study," an open and public Facebook group. For Zoom, the meeting information can be found on our website. We ask that you join the Facebook group, if you have not done so during our previous studies. The study will include both Jewish and Christian perspectives, and we welcome all to this study, including those who consider themselves "nones"!

Each week on **Monday from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Pacific Time)**, we will stream the study, which will also be recorded for those living in a different time zone or who simply want to watch at a different time. There will be weekly handouts provided in advance of the sessions on Facebook. Handouts and video recordings can also be found on our website. The sessions will **begin on Monday, October 12th**, and continuing on the 19th, and 26th; and November 2, 9, 16, and 23rd.