



### Daily Prayer This Week

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as “raising the mind and heart to God.” It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our

heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is “heart to heart.” So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love, or if we just haven’t had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate.

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter “the narrow gate”, by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day-to-day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word “awake” and to carry it all day long. “Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day.” We may want to ask, “Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts.”

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, “Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren’t performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others.”

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### Stewardship Report: Revenue

August 16 <sup>th</sup>	7,667.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	2,407.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>10,074.00</b>
<i>Last Year:</i>	<b>9,811.00</b>

**Summer Stewardship:** Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure even when you’re away from us on vacation. You may mail your offertory envelope to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket before you go away on a well-deserved vacation. Thank you for being a faithful steward.

**Hosting an Event?** Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Mr. Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email him at [tereme@stmatthias.org](mailto:tereme@stmatthias.org).

### Looking Ahead

**Pope Francis in Washington, DC:** Sign up to receive papal visit updates via text or email by going to [www.adw.org/papalvisit](http://www.adw.org/papalvisit). Pope Francis will be in Washington from September 22<sup>nd</sup>—24<sup>th</sup>. The website will be updated as additional details are announced.

St. Matthias Parish is eligible to receive 25 Papal Mass tickets for parishioners only. For a chance to receive a ticket, write your name, phone number, and address on a small piece of paper and place it in the drawing box today. The drawing date is Sept. 6th.



**Day of Recollection:** Father Milt will offer an adult **Saturday of Recollection** in the Hughes Center on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be the *Mercy of God*. Father will celebrate an 8 am Mass in the Church followed by coffee and bagels in the Hughes Center. The first of three presentations on an aspect of mercy will begin at 9 am. There will be times for group sharing as well as times for private prayer and reflection. We will eat a boxed lunch together at 12 noon and the day will end in the Church with the praying of the Divine Mercy chaplet about 2 pm. Registration forms for the day can be found in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church. Registration will be \$20 per person for those who register and pay by Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be \$30 per person at the door.

### Academy News

**Back to School:** The first day of school for Academy students is **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please observe the traffic pattern rules and watch for students and parents in the parking lot, especially prior to the **8:30 am** Mass.

### Raffle Winner

Congratulations, Gabi Shaw, the winner and seller, who won **\$350** in the **August 17<sup>th</sup>** drawing.

## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Installation of Father Jordan

Saint Matthias the Apostle Parish invites you to join us as we celebrate the installation of Father Milt Jordan as pastor next **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** at the **6 pm** Mass. Father Milt will be installed by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. A reception with light refreshments, hosted by all church ministries, will be held after the Mass in Friendship Hall. All are welcome. For more information contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x201.

### Faith Formation

**Faith Formation Registration:** Parents of children who do not attend a Catholic School are encouraged to register them for Faith Formation classes (grades K-8) which will begin in September. The registration forms are in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church.

**Religion Teachers Needed:** Faith Formation needs adult catechists, aides, substitutes, and hall monitors on Monday evenings from 6:15—8:00 pm. Training is provided through the parish and the Archdiocese. Please call Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 ext. 205 to discuss the possibility of serving the Lord through His young people.

### Items of Note

**Parish Council:** Your parish needs you to consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner to serve on the parish council. The council assists the pastor in identifying and supporting the needs of the parish. For more information, pick up a flyer in the Church vestibule. Questions? Contact Mr. Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

**Word Among Us:** “*The Word Among Us*” booklets are now on sale in the back of the Church. This publication offers Pope Francis’s vision for the *Synod on the Family*, as well as complete Catholic Masses and daily meditations.

**Knights of Columbus Car Raffle:** Tickets are available for the Knights of Columbus 46<sup>th</sup> annual Car Raffle. This raffle benefits area charities and scholarship programs. The grand prize is a 2016 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 cash option. The second prize is an iPad Air, and the third prize is a \$200 gas card. The drawing will be held at the



Columbus Day Ball on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the BWI Marriott, Linthicum. Tickets are \$1 and are available from any council member, or you may call John Murray (301-459-6452) or Emmanuel Ajayi (202-413-1066).



### **Mass Intentions for the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time**

#### **Monday, August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:30 am Zenaida Juanitez  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Benediction

#### **Tuesday, August 25: Saints Louis and Joseph**

8:30 am Ali Martinez (Living)

#### **Wednesday, August 26:**

8:30 am Engracia Felix

#### **Thursday, August 27: St. Monica**

8:30 am Felicidad Felix

#### **Friday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor**

8:30 am John Huber

### **The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Sunday, August 30:**

8:00 am Linda Morgan  
10:30 am Adamma Ugoh  
6:00 pm Don & Rozanna Aitcheson  
(Living - Wedding Anniversary)

Readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27  
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### **Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:**

Mary Ajayi; Margie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Yvette Butler; Hazel Campbell; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Patricia Garner; Brendan George; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Anthony Long; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Charles Shryock; Lucille Strenge; Marie Scott; Marian Thomas; Angela Thompson; Kay Villemi; Madeline White; John and Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner and Mary Ann Zehner. **May God’s healing grace be theirs.**

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.



### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Father Stan  
10:30 am Father Blaise  
6:00 pm Father Milt