

Masses for the First Week of Advent

Monday, December 4th

Saint John Damascene

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Jose Manlapaz**

Tuesday, December 5th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Guadalupe Manlapaz**

Wednesday, December 6th

Saint Nicholas

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Cynthia Amanyeiwe (Living)**
Sylvia Enahoro

Thursday, December 7th

Saint Ambrose

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Peter O'Neill**

Friday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass 7:00 AM: **Alfredo Felix**
(See Mass Schedule on this Page)

Saturday, December 9th

Saint Juan Diego

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Celine Conner (Living)**

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9th

5:00 PM: **Raymond D. Hesson & Doris Broderick**
7:00 PM: **Christopher Covington (Living)**

Sunday, December 10th

8:00 AM: **Jeff George (Living-Birthday)**

9:30 AM: **Jude & Florence Nwonye-Nwoko (Living)**

11:30 AM: **Jude & Florence Nwonye-Nwoko (Living)**

6:00 PM: **Sylvester Ikpi (Living-Birthday)**

Readings:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Pt 3:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-8

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

Susana Alongu, Elaine and Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Claudia Clayton; Teri Cor; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Edward Dory; Michele Feaster; Norma Florimbio; Carole Gallo; Jean Gaskins; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; John and Joan Kodak; Abanda William Ndinu; Lucy Nguyen; L. Oyelese; Joseph Parker, Marion Prout; Mary Soh; Kay Villemi; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

Stewardship Report

November 19

Offertory \$ 7,884

Faith Direct \$ 2,685

Total Offertory \$ 10,569

Last Year \$ 11,753

November 26

Offertory \$ 7,511

Faith Direct \$ 2,685

Total Offertory \$ 10,196

Last Year \$ 12,049

Next Sunday's second collection is an Archdiocesan collection for Retired Religious.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

The St. Matthias Prayer Group meets in the church every Sunday immediately after 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome.

St. Joseph Sunday Missal Sale: The Ladies of Charity are selling the 2018 Sunday Missals after weekend Masses. The cost is \$5.00, and proceeds benefit the many LOC causes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. Please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

With the holidays approaching, now is the time to reserve a **Memorial Candle** to honor your loved ones. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Parish Social Life Committee News

Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe: An overnight celebration with prayers, singing, and Tecuan dancers will be held Monday, December 11th, through Tuesday, December 12th. Parishioners are asked to meet at Friendship Hall at 10:30 PM to prepare for the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information. On, Tuesday, December 12th, Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 6:00 PM. Please join us for this celebration to honor our Blessed Mother.

Mass Schedule

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
A Holy Day of Obligation.**

Thursday, December 7th: Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM

Friday, December 8th: 7:00 AM,

9:15 AM (School Mass), 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Family Connection

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise, so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

Offertory Envelopes for 2018: If you are a registered parishioner who currently uses weekly offertory envelopes, please note that your 2018 envelopes will be mailed to you by late December. Envelopes will be mailed bi-monthly. Please notify the parish office of your new address if you have moved recently.

Giving Tree

The St. Matthias Ladies of Charity are sponsoring the Parish Giving Tree. The tree will be in the church vestibule until Friday, December 8th. Please take a gift tag labeled with a requested item. Gifts will be sent to Walter Reed Medical Center, Veterans Administration, Catholic Charities, and the Community Café Winter Bags program. **Unwrapped** and **tagged** gifts may be dropped off at the church or parish office by December 8th. Thank you for your help in making Christmas brighter for someone in need.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Open House Dates:

Thursday, Dec. 14th, 6:30—7:30 PM

There will also be an information session for parents interested in our Pre-K and Kindergarten programs for next year.

Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 7:00—8:00 PM

Sunday, Jan. 28th, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Please stop by for a tour and enrollment information.

Chick-fil-a School Fundraiser: Join us for dinner at the Vista Gardens **Chick-fil-a** on Thursday, December 14th, from 4:00– 9:00 PM, and help support our school.

Applications for Financial Aid for 2018-19 are available at **www.TADS.com**. The deadline for new families whose children will attend school for the 2018-2019 school year is **February 4, 2018**. Please check the website for details.

School tours are offered every Monday from 8:30-10:00 AM. Please call the school office at 301-577-9412 to arrange a tour.

School Christmas Concert: You are invited to attend our Christmas program on December 20th at 6:00 PM in the church.

St. Matthias Leisure Club member, Rita Kitchings is hosting a trip to Sight & Sound Theater on Friday, May 4th, 2018, to see the new Biblical play, **Jesus**. For more information, please call Rita at 301-261-0681.

Ministry Schedules December 9/10

<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:00 PM	A. Ogunlade, B. Ogunlade	S. Corson, F. McCrary
7:00 PM	E. Diaz, F. Garcia, L. Martinez	TBD
8:00 AM	E. Adekoya, D. Adekoya, J. Adekoya	S. Singleton, M. Reeves
9:30 AM	A. Akem, M. Akem, R. Akem	P. Okongwu, V. Neke
11:30 AM	H. Ntitebem, TBD	TBD
6:00 PM	A. Marshall, G. Marshall	B. Burnett

<u>Time</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5:00 PM	R. Galicinao, Z. Juanitez, J. Richardson	E. Buan
7:00 PM	O. DelValle, S. Resau, D. Ortiz	L. DelValle, M. Melendez
8:00 AM	D. Aitcheson, P. Buan, J. George, R. Johnson, C. Johnson	F. Craig
9:30 AM	M. Adams, A. Hayling, R. Ihegbe, S. Ikpi, S. Midgley	M. Ibebuchi
11:30 AM	R. Atemnkeng, L. Ekowski, M. Ibebuchi, M. Hoke, S. Ugoh	L. Sibbles
6:00 PM	A. Hawkins, K. H-Johnson, D. Self	H. Jorgensen

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 9/10

5:00 PM	Father Canice
7:00 PM	Father TBD
8:00 AM	Father Jack
9:30 AM	Father Canice
11:30 AM	Father Jack
6:00 PM	Father Christopher