Mass Intentions for the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 21st: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Tuesday, November 22nd: Saint Cecilia
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Wednesday, November 23rd: St. Clement I
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Thursday, November 24th: Thanksgiving Day
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Friday, November 25th: Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

Saturday, November 26th
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 26th
Vigil 5:00 PM: All Souls
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: All Souls

Sunday, November 27th:
8:00 AM: All Souls
10:30 AM: All Souls
6:00 PM: All Souls

Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:
Elijah Alexander; Lisa Allison; Lazarus Asong; Margie Baker; Earl Bracey; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Joseph DeMarco Jr; Janice Ereme; Bob Faass; Norma Florimbio; William Halbe; Kimberly Jackson; Jan Jarus; Vera Joseph; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Joe Makowski; Dorothy Newman; Christopher Onuaku; John Plater; Sam Ross; Phyllis Szcuka; Amalia Spescha; Ida Stelmack; Jeffrey Surtovich; Charity Taylor; Elijah Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas; Matthew Thomas; Kay Villemi; Madeline White; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Zaria Zanin; Eugene Zehner; Mickey Zehner

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To place a name on the list, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email pford@stmatthias.org

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, especially Jack Jordan, may they rest in peace.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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We are grateful for your generosity!

Items of Note

Save the Date—Saint Matthias Mercy Program has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 3rd from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Hughes Center. The Mercy Program aims to enrich your knowledge of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Dinner and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! For more information contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or lemarie.thompson@gmail.com.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent on weekends throughout the year. This coming summer, in addition to being available on weekends, Friendship Hall will be available on weekdays for meetings, conferences, and workshops. Book early for 2017 by contacting Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Missals for 2017: The Ladies of Charity are selling 2017 Missals after weekend Masses. Cost of each Missal is $4.00. Proceeds from the sales will support our parish food pantry and other charitable works. Thank you for your support.

An Overnight Adoration Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at St. Matthias Church on December 11th and 12th. Look for a flyer in an upcoming bulletin for more information and details.

Parish Social Life Committee

Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana
Please join the Parish on December 2nd at 1:00 PM as we welcome the relay Torch of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego which left the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and is on its way to the final destination at Saint Patrick ‘s Cathedral, New York City. A Mass in Spanish will be held at 1:00 PM here at St. Matthias Church.

The Ladies of Charity will sponsor a Christmas Giving Tree from November 26th-December 11th. The tree will be located in the vestibule of the church and will be decorated with paper ornaments with the name of a gift and charity. Charities include: Walter Reed Medical Center, PG Catholic Charities, the Veterans Administration Hospital, and Genesis Rehabilitation Center. Please return your unwrapped gift with the paper ornament tag attached by December 11th. Thank you for making the season special for those in need!
A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Thursday, November 24th at 8:30 AM. Please bring the bread and wine that will be placed upon your family table for a special blessing at the Mass.

Thanksgiving Dinner Invitation

Mindful that Thanksgiving can be a difficult time for some, I wish to extend an invitation to our parish and school families to join me when I host a Thanksgiving gathering at the Father Hughes Center at 12:30 PM on Thursday, November 24th followed by dinner in Friendship Hall. There is no charge for your participation, nor is there an obligation to bring a food item. Simply come and join me and a few friends and share Thanksgiving Day with your St. Matthias family. Please call my assistant, Pat Ford, at 301-459-4814 x 201 or pford@stmatthias.org if you plan to attend.

-Father Milt

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With the holidays approaching, now is the time to reserve a Memorial Candle for your loved ones. For only 83¢ per day, you can have a candle lit for one year. Contact Thad Éreme at 301-459-4814 x 207 to reserve your candle.

Kathleen Fowle “Coming Home” Concert will be held at Saint Edward the Confessor (1940 Mitchellville Road, Bowie) on Friday Evening, December 2nd at 7:30 pm. This is a free event and open to all.

Ushers’ Closet Clean-Out will take place on November 27th. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity. If you are missing your jacket, glasses, umbrella, etc., please ask an usher for assistance.

School News

- TADS Financial Aid application for 2017-2018 is available online. The application deadline is December 1, 2016. Single parents are also encouraged to apply for aid at www.CatholicFA.org.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers

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Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of November 26/27

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Family Connection

Understanding today’s Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ’s kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today’s Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

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