Mass Intentions for the Third Week Of Advent

**Monday December 12th**: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ernest Jorgensen  
(Birth—Deceased)

**Tuesday, December 13th**: Saint Lucy  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Paredes/Manlapaz Families

**Wednesday, Dec. 14th**: Saint John of the Cross  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Agatha Ogbu (Birthday - Living)

**Thursday, December 15th**:  
Daily Mass 8:30 PM: Father Joseph Ranieri  
(Anniversary of Ordination—Living)

**Friday, December 16th**:  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: John “Jack” Jordan

**Saturday, December 17th**:  
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Bong Juanitez

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

**Saturday, December 17th**  
Vigil 5:00 PM: Veronica Ogbechie (Living)  
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Intentions of Parishioners

**Sunday, December 18th**  
8:00 AM: Sylvester Ezane, Jr. (Birthday - Living)  
10:30 AM: Rebecca Udejiofor  
6:00 PM: Ruben and Ann Eneze (49th Anniversary - Living)

**Readings**: 1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14  
2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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;  
- Elaine Brooks; Melvin Brooks; Muriel Brown; Hazel Campbell; Al Craig;  
- Ronnie Davis; Joseph DeMarco Jr; Norma Florimbo; William Halbe; Kimberly Jackson; Jan Jarus; Vera Joseph; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Richard Kosko; Joe Makowski; Dorothy Newman; Macaulay Nzelfili; Christopher Onaoku; John Plater; Sam Ross; Phyllis Scezuka; Amalia Sprech; Ida Stelmack; Jeffrey Surtkovich; Charity Taylor; Elijah Taylor; Louise Tesar; Marian Thomas;  
- Matthew Thomas; Nathaniel Thompson; Kay Villemi; 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, may they rest in peace.**

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### Stewardship Report

- **December 4th**: 11,575.00  
- **Faith Direct**: 2,829.00  
- **Total Offertory**: 14,404.00  
- **Last Year**: 15,337.00

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

**Items of Note**

**A Bilingual Volunteer** will be available at the front desk in the parish office on Monday, Dec. 12th from 8:00 AM until 12:PM to assist our parishioners in Spanish.

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

Missals for 2017: The 2017 Sunday Missals are available at the Parish office or you may see an usher after Mass. Cost of each Missal is $4.00.

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 Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Volunteers are needed in the parish office to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other clerical duties. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or tereme@stmatthias.org.

Christmas shopping? Please pick up a few pairs of adult sized socks and gloves. Items received before December 15th will be donated to the Community Café. You may leave your purchases in the ushers’ closet in the church vestibule. Thank you.

Parish Social Life Committee News

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**Adoration Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe**—An overnight procession and celebration will be held on December 11th through 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 for more information. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 6:00 PM on December 12th. The Parish Social Life Committee will serve food and refreshments in Friendship Hall after the Mass.
Family Connection

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God’s salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today’s Gospel. Think about John’s question to Jesus, “Are you the One?” Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God’s salvation by praying together the Lord’s Prayer.

Taken From Loyola Press (www.loyolapress.com).

Christmas Dinner for Those in Need: If you know of someone who is homebound and would like a Christmas dinner delivered on Christmas Day, contact the Basilica at 202-526-8300 x 111, or sign-up online at www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

Calling all Teens! The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting this Sunday, December 11th from 12:00 to 2:30 PM in the Hughes Center. Refreshments will be provided. Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. Registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the Church vestibule. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-549 –5549.

School News

Save the Date: The Scholastic Book Fair will be held December 12—16 in the school library from 8:30 AM–3:00 PM. Support our school and shop for the young readers in your family!

A Great Holiday Stocking Stuffer: Please support our school by purchasing raffle tickets for $10 each. The weekly drawing begins January 3, 2017, and ends August 28, 2017. Each winner receives $300 and the seller receives $50. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or in the Hughes Center parish office. Lottery tickets make great stocking stuffers for adults!

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers December 17/18

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Christmas Schedule

Mon., Dec. 19, 2016 —Parish Penance Service 7:00 PM Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 - Christmas Eve

8:30 AM Daily Mass
4:00 PM Family Vigil Mass
7:00 PM Spanish Mass
10:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016 - Christmas Day

8:00 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass

(Sunday note that there is NO 6:00 PM Mass)

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016 - New Year’s Eve

8:30 AM Daily Mass
5:00 PM Vigil Mass for The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
7:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017— The Solemnity of Mary

8:00 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass
6:00 PM Mass