### Mass Intentions for the Fourth Week Of Advent

- **Monday, December 19th**
  Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Adaugo Oji (Birthday—Living)

- **Tuesday, December 20th**
  Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Basil Eze (Birthday—Living)

- **Wednesday, Dec. 21st: Saint Peter Canisius**
  Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Claude Cumberbatch

- **Thursday, December 22nd**
  Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Richard J. Kosko (Birthday—Living)

- **Friday, December 23rd: Saint John of Kanty**
  Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ed Densmore

- **Saturday, December 24th**
  Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Priest Intentions

  **The Nativity of the Lord**
  **Saturday, December 24th**
  Family Vigil Mass 4:00 PM: Priest Intentions
  Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Priest Intentions
  Vigil Mass 10:00 PM: Priest Intentions

- **Sunday, December 25th**
  8:00 AM: Priest Intentions
  10:30 AM: Priest Intentions

  **Readings:**
  1st Reading: Is 52:7-10
  2nd Reading: Heb 1:1-6
  Gospel: John 1:1-18

### The Parish Social Life Committee
The PSLC would like to thank you for supporting and participating in last week’s procession and celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The festivities culminated in a special Mass Monday evening, followed by fellowship in Friendship Hall where participants enjoyed great food and hospitality. We offer special thanks to Fr. Canice and Fr. Russo for their assistance.

### Stewardship Report

#### Christmas Gift/End of the Year Giving:
December 31st marks the end of the 2016 calendar year of charitable contributions for your tax returns this spring. We will credit your annual financial contribution statement to the parish with gifts **received by December 31, 2016. Gifts received after this date will be posted on your 2017 statement.** Please plan ahead so that your financial contribution statement will reflect a true spirit of stewardship and of joyfully returning to the Lord the blessings He has bestowed upon you this past year. Please note that we cannot certify contributions made in cash to the collection basket.

#### 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.

Remember your loved ones this holiday season with Perpetual Memorial Candles. For more information, please 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 light clerical duties. Morning and afternoon shifts are available.

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The St. Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry will dance to the “Little Drummer Boy” on Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, at both the 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM Masses. We hope you will support this ministry by attending, and we pray that you will be moved by the song and choreography. May the love we share with our faith community through praise dancing for Jesus Christ bring joy to your hearts and add to the many Christmas blessings you receive.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Family Connection

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust in one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

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The Perfect Gift: Do you know someone—whether a family member, a friend, a coworker, or a neighbor—who doesn’t have a church home and might be alone this Christmas? Why not invite him/her to Mass and Christmas dinner? This year, be a credible sign of Jesus’ loving presence to someone seeking the Good News in his or her life.

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.

School News

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!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair that was held last week. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to purchase new books for pleasure reading as well as instructional materials to enhance learning and creative thinking.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers
December 24/25

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<td>Z. Fuentes</td>
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<td>K. Holmes-Johnson</td>
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Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 24/25

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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 (Please 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