

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



On the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear the wonderful story of the healing of Jairus' daughter. In the middle of that story is the beautiful story of the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has

saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.'" Jesus tells Jairus, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When the girl was healed the people "were utterly astounded."

Monday is the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**, with its own special readings. Friday is the **Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle**. Saturday in the US is Independence Day and some parishes use special readings at Mass.

Matthew's Gospel follows Jesus on his journeys, constantly teaching his disciples about faithfulness. He challenges his disciples on what it means to follow him. He calms a violent storm at sea and heals two men possessed by demons -- demons who recognize Jesus as the "Son of God." When he is criticized for telling a paralytic his sins were forgiven, Jesus says, "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? He then healed the paralytic. On Friday, Jesus does something extraordinary - he invites the reviled tax collector, Matthew, to be one of his followers. Then he indicates that the old ways of relating to God are gone - that he is the new way, the new wineskin.

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Cardinal's Appeal 2015

Below is a progress report of the Cardinal's Appeal as of June 1, 2015, and a comparison to the 2014 archdiocesan campaign at this time.

	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2014	Difference
Amount Pledged	\$13,144, 198	\$13, 313,563	-\$169,365
Amount Paid	\$ 8,453,658	\$ 8,418,605	+\$ 35,053
Number of Donors	32,270	34,417	- 2,147
Average Pledge	\$ 407	\$ 387	+ 20

The Parish Office will close at noon every Friday.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

June 21st 7,629.00
Faith Direct: 2,331.00
Total Offertory: 9,960.00
Last Year: 10,082.80
Poor Box: 59.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 115.25

Number of Adult Envelopes: 190; Number of Children's Envelopes: 4; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 63; Number of Regular Households: 813.

The Peter's Pence Collection: Our second collection this weekend is for the Peter's Pence Collection. This collection unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis and his works of charity to provide emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disasters, and war.

Faith Direct: The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial support. Please prayerfully consider helping Saint Matthias the Apostle with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code MD41, or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Summer Stewardship: Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure, joyfully given to the Lord in gratitude, and that treasure is needed even when you're away from us on vacation. Please remember to mail your offertory envelope to the rectory before you go away on a well-deserved vacation, or drop it in the collection basket the week before you leave. Thank you for being a faithful steward.

Every Penny Counts: Donate your loose change to the "Every Penny Counts" Box which provides funding for the annual Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship Awards. The scholarship awards are given in the form of tuition assistance to deserving parish students.

A Stewardship Moment: Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example using their time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest will be rewarded.

The Academy Raffle Winner

Julia Oleru, the winner of \$300
Geoben Oleru, the seller won \$50
 for the June 22th drawing.



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Please note that the parish office and school office will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd** in observance of Independence Day. There will be an 8:30 am Mass that morning.

Faith Formation

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 X205.

Adult Faith Formation: Saint Matthias is offering a summer Adult Faith Formation Program every Tuesday morning after the 8:30 am Mass using the "Symbolon" DVD series from Augustine Institute. Please join us in the Hughes Center this Tuesday where the topic will be the Eucharist.

Faith Formation Registration: Parents of children who do not attend a Catholic School are encouraged to register them in our 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.

Bible Study: Bible Study will resume with the book of Revelation on **Wednesday, July 1st**. Please join us then in the Hughes Center beginning at 7 pm. Bring your Bible and a friend.

Items of Note

Prayer Group: On the first Sunday of each month the Prayer Group will hold a brief prayer session after the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Ushers' Closet: Lost and found items will be removed from the closet July 17th. All unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.

Welcome to Our Newest Parishioners



In the name of the parishioners of Saint Matthias the Apostle Church, we extend a very warm and cordial welcome to recently registered families and households:

✦ **The Fung Family** (Edwin, Chu, Joeffrey and Peter)
✦ **The Gobina/Konteho Family** (Hermann, Roseline, Julian, Nester, Agnes) ✦ **Augustine Ezuoke** ✦
✦ **Kingsley and Chidinma Ezuokeaba** ✦ **Ramon and Esperanza Lomosbog** ✦ **Franklin Nkokam Ngongang** ✦
✦ **Uchenna Nwokefor** ✦ **Jonathan and Ginika Onenyenu-foro** ✦
✦ **Anastasia Molua** ✦ **The Ngezem Family** (Vera, Desmond Sr., Desmond, Derwin) ✦ **The Persauo Family** (Natasha and Aaron) ✦ **Saly Keou** ✦
✦ **Mary Jackson** ✦ **Baimba and Ester Koroma** ✦ **Sandra Weisenberg**

We hope and pray that you will find within our spiritual home a place to reverently listen to the Word of God, a place to worship and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and an abundance of caring hearts that become your lasting friends!



Mass Intentions for the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 29: St. Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:30 am Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, June 30: First Martyrs of the Holy Church

8:30 am Vincent Charles

Wednesday, July 1: Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest

8:30 am Innocent Ihegbe

Thursday, July 2:

8:30 am Roy Roberts

Friday, July 3 (First Friday):

8:30 am Julia Lewis Thompson (Deceased - Birthday)

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 5:

8:00 am Evelyn Lewis
10:30 am Elizabeth Ezike
6:00 pm Romeo DiFrancesco

Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7 - 10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1 - 6

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; Hazel Campbell; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Yvette Butler; Hazel Campbell; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Gali Galicinao, Patricia Garner; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Lucille Streng; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Krystal Williams; John and Sam Zanin; Eugene Zehner and Mary Ann Zehner; **may God's healing grace be theirs.** ✦ **For our military serving overseas: Protect them from all harm. ✦ For all the faithful departed: Ainah Onukwubiri; may they rest in peace.**



Celebrant Mass Schedule for Sunday, July 5^h

8:00 am Father Stan
10:30 am Father Alex
6:00 pm Monsignor Bilbago