

Second Week of Advent**Monday, December 9th*****The Immaculate Conception*****(Not a Holyday of Obligation this Year)**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Obinna & Ihuoma Chikere (L)

Tuesday, December 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Deacon Ronald J. Meyer (D)

Wednesday, December 11th***Saint Damasus I***

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ernest Jorgensen (D)

Thursday, December 12th***Our Lady of Guadalupe***

8:30 AM: Paredes & Manlapaz Families (D)

7:00 PM: People of the Parish (L)

Friday, December 13th***Saint Lucy***

Mass 8:30 AM: Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 14th***Saint John of the Cross***

8:30 AM: Margret Ugoagwu (L)

Third Sunday of Advent**Saturday, December 14th**

Mass 5:00 PM: Rev. Joseph Ranieri (L)

Mass 7:00 PM: Juanna Cordero (D)

Sunday, December 15th

8:00 AM: Jeff George (L)

9:30 AM: Parish Catechists (L)

11:30 AM: Rebecca Udejiofor (D)

6:00 PM: Ladies of Charity (L)

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

Jacqueline Bhola; Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Rose Chisefsky; Chunyere Duru; Helen Dgiduch; Patricia Farland; Ferris "Bo" George; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; George Johnson; John and Joan Kodak; Rod Oaks; Cathy Pielmeier; Evelyn Turley; Mae Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Ziara Zanin; Rita and Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.***For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.***

Please call the parish office at 301-459-4818 x 201 to request a name to be placed on the sick list.

Stewardship Report

November 24	Offertory	8,460
	Faith Direct	3,321
	Total	11,781
	Last Year	10,654

December 1	Offertory	10,798
	Faith Direct	3,321
	Total	14,119
	Last Year	16,128

This weekend's second collection is the Archdiocesan collection for retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Items of Note at St. Matthias

The Teen Youth Ministry will meet this Sunday, December 8th, from 12:00-2:30 PM, in the Hughes Center.

Saint Joseph Sunday Missal Sale: If you missed the Ladies of Charity sale, the 2020 Missals are available at the parish office. Cost is \$ 5.00.

Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe: An overnight celebration with prayers, singing, and dancing will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11th, through Thursday, Dec. 12th. Parishioners are asked to meet at Friendship Hall at 10:30 PM on Dec. 11th to prepare for the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Dec. 12th, a skit will be presented in the church at 6:00 PM, with Mass following at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Giving Tree: The Ladies of Charity are sponsoring the Parish Giving Tree, located in the church vestibule. Please take a gift tag labeled with a requested item. Unwrapped and tagged gifts may be dropped off at the church or parish office. Gifts will be donated to area charities. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for someone in need.



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



The Academy of Saint Matthias

As Christmas approaches and you are shopping online, please use smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0780162. When you buy gifts using Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases goes to support our school.



The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program for 2020-2021 is available for families enrolling their children for the first time in a Catholic elementary or high school. The deadline to apply for tuition assistance is February 14, 2020.

All families who apply for financial assistance must complete the TADS application (<https://secure.tads.com>) to be considered for aid from any source. Please apply early, and contact the school if you have any questions.

Knights of Columbus

Catholic High School Scholarships: The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsors several high school scholarships for children of its members and for Catholic students in general. The application deadline is February 1, 2020. Scholarship information and application forms are available at <https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>.



The Best Advent Ever

A Great Christmas Begins with an Incredible Advent. *The Best Advent Ever* is a totally free and totally awesome video program sent to your email that will help you prepare for Christmas as never before. To sign up, go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for Dec. 14/15

5:00 PM Fr. Canice
7:00 PM Fr. Jacek
8:00 AM Fr. Jack
9:30 AM Fr. Jack
11:30 AM Fr. Canice
6:00 PM Fr. Jack

Around the Archdiocese

2019 Walk With Mary Celebration: The Archdiocese of Washington's annual **Walk with Mary** procession and Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Patroness of the Americas*, will take place on Saturday, December 14th. The procession will start at 11:00 AM at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington, DC, and will conclude at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Following the praying of the Rosary at 1:00 PM, Mass at the Basilica will begin at 2:30 PM, with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory as the main celebrant and Bishop Mario Dorsonville as the homilist. For more information, visit adw.org/walkwithmary.

Join the Defend Christmas campaign by praying the Rosary on Saturday, December 14th, at 12:00 PM, in front of the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic at 5915 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD. Together we can pray to put Christ back in Christmas.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals on Christmas Day. Volunteers are always needed to fill many different positions. If you would like to sign up to help, please visit www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

Family Connection

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.