



Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church

“Rich in Tradition, United in Mission, Blessed with Diversity.”

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Parish office hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Closed on holidays.



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December 10, 2023 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Mass Times: Weekends – Saturday at 5 PM (Vigil Mass at Saint Matthew)



Sunday at 9 and 11:30AM (Saint Matthew)– livestream on middle Sundays

11 AM (Blessed Sacrament) – livestream on first and last Sundays

Weekdays – Monday -Thursday at 12 noon (all in the IOSC Chapel)

Confessions:

Saturday at 3 PM (Saint Matthew) or by appointment with Fr. Matt.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick, and RCIA:

Please contact the church office.



Get in touch with us!

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New Parishioners (Saint Matthew):

You can find a registration form [on our website](#) or contact the church office. Please indicate if you wish to receive envelopes. *All Parishioners are encouraged to use GiveCentral online giving (preferred). It is easy, free, and safe to use!* You can find more details on the flyer on our website. To register, please visit www.stmatthewbaltimore.org/onlinegiving/ Contact our office if you need any assistance!



December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday in Advent



Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John the Baptist takes a significant role in both this weekend's Gospel and next weekend as well. He is a "patron saint of Advent" along with Our Blessed Mother and good old St. Nicholas. The importance of St. John the Baptist can hardly be overstated. He is sent to prepare the way of the Lord in the Spirit of Elijah. He is the turning point from the Old Covenant to the beginning of the New and Everlasting Covenant. Jesus Himself is not only related to John the Baptist but calls him the greatest man born of woman. What makes John so unique and special, besides of course his fashion choices and strange diet?

John shows us that the greatest way to encounter and experience the presence of Jesus Christ is through repentance. While we were still sinners – Jesus came to save us. He came to forgive us, and the most essential part of forgiveness is repentance. To repent is to acknowledge our sinfulness in order to be loved and forgiven. As Catholics we know that Jesus has given us a special Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins. Please take advantage of this gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent. Follow the example of St. John the Baptist and if you want to experience a new joy and happiness this Christmas give the Lord and yourself the greatest of gifts – go to confession! Don't worry if it has been a while or you forgot how to celebrate the Sacrament, we are here to help you. Please prepare the way of the Lord and make straight your paths by repenting of our sins and rejoicing in the forgiving love of Jesus Christ this Advent.
God Love you!

Fr. Matt

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

"In memory of those who have lost their lives to violence in Baltimore City recently, may God grant them peace, and bring healing to their loved ones and to the City of Baltimore, we pray."

Here is the name of the one homicide victim from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1*:

Eniyah Smith, 20
Charles Johnson, 21
Carlos Carrazana-Ricardo, 18
Wallace Reid Allen, 80

*The names of two victims have not yet been released publicly.

Sunday, December 10th

9:00AM: *Notre Dame Mission Volunteers
Community and Staff*

11:30 AM: *Parish of St. Matthew*

Monday, December 11th

12:00PM: *IOSC Community and Staff*

Tuesday, December 12th

12:00PM: *Non-Profit Volunteer Organizations
in MD*

Wednesday, December 13th

12:00PM: *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Thursday, December 14th

12:00 PM: *Parish of Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday, December 16th

5:00PM: *Emerson Tumanon I*

Saint Matthew and Blessed Sacrament prayer list:

Lance Ambrose, Lauren Andrews, Bonnie Bethea, The Biemer family, Jovita Biemer, Ryan Blom, Gene and Andrea Bryant, Lorraine Campbell, the Capel family, Connie Carter, Kathleen Casey, Peter Celli, Stephen Cleghorn, Kathy Cornish, Justin Correlli, David Cox, Debbie Cvach, Monica Dent, Ellen Dunn, Elizabeth Evans, Karen Fitzpatrick, Charles Focht, Chris Fritze, Mary Gombert, Seaton Haney, Henry Holden, the Holland family, Agnes Hvisc, Danny Jenkins, Janet Kienzle, Jim & Marge Kerner, Hyacinth Lee-Young, Jerry and Fay Litchenwalter, Selby Long, Linda McDevitt, Keith McQuay, Austyn and Stephanie Merritt, Kenga Merritt, Barbara Metz, Cindy Metz, Jean Metz, John Murphy, Ronald Myers, Wilma Myles, Dominic Napolitano, Kathy Novak, Tommy Oswald, Ruth Paine, Lewis Payne, Paul Pedone, Kelly Peters, Morien Perry, Veronica Ragsdale, Nancy Renner, Sr. Andre Rothschild, Naomi Rouse, Evelyn Ruffin, Nancy Ruscito, Caroline Scheide, Howard Scott, Archer Senft, Mark Solomon, Rosalind Spruill, Myrtle Stanley, Lizette Tirado, Lillee Thompson, Mary Ellen Vanni, Kimberly Ann Vesley-Grimes, Steve Wallace, Stephanie Washington, Abby Werthmann, Amanda Widro, Mary Catharine Winter, Marie Yingling, Rose Zampogna, Sharon Zepp, and Jim and Teresa Zinkhan

**St. Matthew's Offertory and Electronic Funds Transaction (EFT) Report
and
Blessed Sacrament Offertory Report**

*We are starting to include our financial information to let you know how we are doing month to month. So far this year due to some unexpected facility issues we are running at a budget deficit.
Thank you as always for your generosity!*

| Month | ST. MATTHEW | | BLESSED SACRAMENT | |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------|---|----------|
| | November | December | November | December |
| Offertory Envelopes | \$10,636.50 | \$2,874.25 | \$3,053 | \$1,245 |
| Loose Offertory | \$4,194 | \$1,357 | \$603 | \$86 |
| EFT Offertory | \$9,245 | \$2,123 | Blessed Sacrament does not use Give Central or any online giving. | |
| Total | \$24,075.50 | \$6,355.25 | \$3,656 | \$1,331 |

**ADVENT RETREAT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th (10am-12:30pm)
St. Matthew Church Hall
FEATURING:
WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STORYTELLER- LYNN DORSEY**



Cost: Free will offering collection.

All proceeds donated will be given to a needy cause at the discretion of the host.

Please feel free to bring light food/snacks to share with others.

The CCT-HCR Partnership will donate **\$200 & the profit from our December sales** to:
St. Matthew Church.

Fair Trade products will be on sale Sat/Sun, December 16th & 17th after mass in the church vestibule.

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

December 17 - Shoebox project packing and wrapping.



**Please join us as we begin again helping to collect items for our annual shoebox project.
(SEE FLYER ON CHURCH BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE DONATIONS NEEDED)
ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF UP UNTIL THE DAY OF THE EVENT!!**