



Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church

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

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Parish office hours:

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December 17, 2023 – 3rd 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 17, 2023 3rd Sunday in Advent



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so grateful to Lynn Dorsey for sharing her gifts with us for our Lenten Retreat! Thanks so much to everyone who was able to make it. I think we should make a commitment that every Advent and Lent we as a pastorate should do something special. Maybe it is a retreat, a mission, a penance service, or all of the above! The Liturgical year gives us all kinds of wonderful moments to celebrate or challenge ourselves. Along with Advent and Lent our pastorate has a special devotion to Pentecost. Pentecost is the great Feast Day of the coming of the Holy Spirit, but it is also a celebration of unity in diversity, which aligns well with our mission to encounter Christ in the blessing of our diverse faith family. Pentecost is also close to our other major Feast Day of the Blessed Sacrament (Corpus Christi). Finally, we also have every year the Feast Day of St. Matthew on September 21st. This coming year 2024, this special day is on a Saturday, and it is also our 75th anniversary. We are already starting to dream about some big event to celebrate next year. So here is a rough schedule for the Liturgical year next year with some of my dreams for events, let us pray and discern what we can do together next year:

Lent 2024 begins Wednesday February 14th.

- Parish penance service at the beginning of the season.

Pentecost Sunday May 19th

- Novena Prayers leading up to the Feast.
- Vigil Service the evening before.
- Special Multi-lingual Mass and hospitality gathering.

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, June 2nd

- Special Pastorate Mass at Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Procession.

Feast Day of St. Matthew, Saturday September 21st

- Some huge celebration for the renewal of faith in our neighborhoods and Church.

Advent 2024, Sunday December 1st

- Another Penance service and maybe a Pastorate Talent show to share our gifts.

I hope and pray it will be a good year, God Bless you!

Fr. Matt

“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 are the names of the homicide victims from Dec. 2 to 8:

Anton Kancir, 69
Phillip Brown, 28
Michael Saffold, 28
Antwone Anthony, 33

Sunday, December 17th

9:00AM:
11:30 AM:

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

Monday, December 18th

12:00PM: **Paul Tran**

Tuesday, December 19th

12:00PM: **sr. M Ines Zucchini**

Wednesday, December 20th

12:00PM: **Ketchner aArc**

Thursday, December 21st

12:00 PM: **Jean C. Marc**

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00PM: **Dr. Felix Tan**

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	\$5,393.50	\$3,053	\$1,803
Loose Offertory	\$4,194	\$3,387	\$603	\$276
EFT Offertory	\$9,245	\$4,728	Blessed Sacrament does not use Give Central or any online giving.	
Total	\$24,075.50	\$13,508.50	\$3,656	\$2,079

Cardinal Shehan's Silent Auction
January 19, 2024

Some items to donate to the silent auction are:

cash, gift card, gift basket, etc.
Email Ms. Wells if you would like to participate.

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Don't Forget you can honor or remember a Loved One this Christmas with an ornament for the Christmas Tree or donating in their name for Christmas Flowers. The forms are located at both exits and money is due by **Dec 20th**. Forms can be dropped off in an envelope to the Rectory office or in the collection basket. If donating to both please use separate checks



Holiday Mass Schedule:

DECEMBER 23 RD	MASS (REGULAR)	ST. MATTHEW	5PM
DECEMBER 24 TH	MASS (REGULAR)	ST. MATTHEW	9AM (NO 11:30AM)
DECEMBER 24 TH	MASS (REGULAR)	BLESSED SACRAMENT	11 AM
DECEMBER 24 TH	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS	ST. MATTHEW	5PM & 7:30PM
DECEMBER 25 TH	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	ST. MATTHEW	10AM
DECEMBER 25 TH	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	BLESSED SACRAMENT	11AM

