

Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

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Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal

Mrs. Patricia Schratz ~ x 215

Administrative Assistant

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Mass (Spanish): 7:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM,
1:30 PM (Spanish) and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 AM

Monday Devotion

Adoration and Blessed Sacrament:
6:00 to 8:00 PM

Confessions: 7:00 to 7:45 PM

Benediction: 7:45 PM

Holy Days of Obligation

*As announced

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal preparation classes and
Baptisms are held the 2nd (Spanish)
and 3rd Saturdays (English) of the
month. Contact the parish office to
register to attend.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered parishioners must contact
the Pastor at least six months before
the wedding.

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please complete a Parish
Registration Form. Forms are available
in the church vestibule, parish office,
and online. All parishioners must be
registered and practicing in order for us
to serve you by issuing a Letter of
Good Standing for sponsorship at the
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation,
or Matrimony.

Moving?

Please notify us as soon as possible if
you are moving or have had a change
of address in order for us to update our
records.



The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

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Pre-K-3 years old to Grade 8

Catholic school whose mission is to provide quality education in a safe and caring environment. Parish students are welcomed throughout the school year. If you'd like to take a tour, please call the school offices for an appointment.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, December 4th

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sybil Wilson (D)

Tuesday, December 5th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Guadalupe Manlapaz (D)

Wednesday, December 6th

Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Mass 8:30 AM: Alfredo V. Felix (D)

Thursday, December 7th

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Mass 8:30 AM: Peter E. O'Neill (D)

Friday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 8:30 AM: Dedicated & rededicated Members of QHR

Saturday, December 9th

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Mass 8:30AM: Obinna & Ihuoma Chikere (L)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8 (5)

Saturday, December 9th

Mass 4:00 PM: Mama Ajua Abanganwa (D)
Mass 7:00: Francisco De Leon (D)

Sunday, December 10th

Mass 8:00 AM: Jeffrey George (L)
Mass 9:45 AM: Peggy Wills (D)
Mass 11:30 AM: Rebecca Udejiofor (D)
Mass 1:30 PM: Edna De Leon (L)
Mass 6:00 PM: Violet Richard and Family (L)

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

Bosbri Barrios; Christina Beal; Christopher Inya; Deborah Diggs; Dolly Kwame-Greene; Elaine Brooks; Genevieve Greenfield; Helen Dziduch; Jan Jarus; Jane Carpino; John Mattimore; Lauren Downs Douville; Mae Young; Mary Ann Vugrin; Mary Dawson; Martha Lallis; Michelle Doran; Michelle Roling; Phyllis Burton; Robert J. Resau; Rita Zehner; Rosita Dietrich; William Stevenson.

For our military, protect them from all harm.

For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace, especially for Tommy Lloyd and Ann Florimbio.

Stewardship Report

November 19

Offertory	7,400
Faith Direct	2,660
Total	10,060
Last Year	10,782

November 26

Offertory	9,642
Faith Direct	2,660
Total	12,302
Last Year	9,520



Items of Note

At St. Matthias

St. Matthias Celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On Tuesday, December 12th, Mass in Spanish will be celebrated at 7:00 PM with a gathering in Friendship Hall after Mass.



They are sponsoring the Annual Giving



The Ladies of Charity

Tree to support the needy among us. To participate, take a tag from the tree, purchase the requested item, and drop off the item in the church vestibule or parish office before Sunday, December 3rd.

Miraculous Medals Planting

Join us in the Planting of Miraculous Medals around the perimeter of the church to invoke the Protection of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal over all families. It takes place on Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m. Each Medal represents a family. You may register your family in our parish office, if you wish to participate.

The 2024 Saint Joseph Sunday Missals are available in the Church Vestibule and the Parish Office.

Cost is \$5.00



The Academy of Saint Matthias

The Archdiocese of Washington Application for financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. The deadline for ALL families to apply for elementary school aid is Feb. 16, 2024. The Catholic high school application for aid is due by Dec.15, 2023. The fee to apply for aid is \$42, and the application is found at <http://secure.tads.com/>. If you would like an application guide and worksheet, please email Mrs. Ann O'Hare, Admissions Director at the Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle (aohare@stmatthias.org).

There are limited openings in kindergarten and first grade for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact the school for a tour and enrollment information (301-577-9412).

Around The Archdiocese



Walk with Mary | Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe December 9, 2023

Procession - 11:00 AM
Rosary - 1:00 PM
Mass - 2:00 PM

All are invited to join in our annual archdiocesan celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Each year, we honor Our Lady in a pilgrimage through the streets of Washington, D.C. Our pilgrimage begins at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart and concludes at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where together we pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass.

**Friday, December 8th
The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Mass Times 8:30 AM / 10:45 AM (School Mass)
7:00 PM (Bilingual)**

Family Connection

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

Mass Schedule for December 9/10

4:00 PM	Mons. Balbago
7:00 PM	Fr. Avelino
8:00 AM	Fr. Parthi
9:45 AM	Fr. Parthi
11:30 AM	Fr. Avelino
1:30 PM	Fr. DeSiano
6:00 PM	Fr. Avelino