

# Saint Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

9475 Annapolis Road Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020

Telephone: 301-459-4814 \* <https://stmatthias.org>

## OFFICE HOURS—SCHEDULE

8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday and Wednesday

8:00 am-12:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

Reverend Avelino Gonzalez

### Permanent Deacon

Reverend Deacon Alton Davis

### Receptionist

Mrs. Miryan Cabrera ~ x 223

### Accountant

Ms. Leslie Long O'Leary ~ x 202

### Administrative Secretary

Mrs. Elsy Zaldivar ~ x 201

### Director of Faith Formation

Ms. Jacqueline Sotelo ~ x 205

Adult & Youth Religious Education  
and Sacramental Preparation

### Director of Music Ministry

### and Organist

Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess ~ x 204

### Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Hector Perez

## School Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

### Principal

Dr. Coretta Streat ~ x 215

### Administrative Assistant

Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

### Admissions Information

Mrs. Ann O'Hare ~ x 216



### Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

7:00 PM (Spanish)

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

### 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.

### 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.

**34th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, November 24th**

*St. Andrew Dung-lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*  
 Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Harry Givens (D)**

**Tuesday, November 25th**

*St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*  
 Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Mayala & Batundi's Families (D)**

**Wednesday, November 26th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Kizita & Nelson Mana (D)**

**Thursday, November 27th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **John Dowell (D)**

**Friday, November 28th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Alberto & Miryam Cabrera (L)**

**Saturday, November 29th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Johnny Haas (L)**

**1st Sunday of Advent**



**Readings**

Isaias 2:1-5  
 Romanos 13:11-14  
 Mateo 24:37-44

**Saturday, November 29th**

4:00 PM: **John Dowell (D)**  
 7:00 PM: **Brian Noriega (D)**

**Sunday, November 30th**

8:00 AM: **Emmanuel Osuji (D)**  
 9:45 AM: **Rose Nwadili (L)**  
 11:30 AM: **Dr. Lilian Njoku & Family (L)**  
 1:30 PM: **Fr. Avelino Gonzalez (L)**  
 6:00 PM: **Fr. Canice Enyiaka (L)**

*Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: (These names will be on the sick list for six weeks or until a family member calls)*

Christopher Agboli; Kevin Butler; Helen Dzdich; Dolly Kramer Greene; Genevieve Greenfield; Troi Greenfield; Christopher Inya; Eugenia Ikpi; Nicholas Kniska; Gay Magruder; Carmel Murphy; James Nfoncho; Rodney Oak; Helen Onyewu; Margaret Mary Opalski; Rita Zehner; Angel Hernandez; Alberto Cabrera; John Mattimore; Carol Mattimore; Michele Feaster; Dorothy Johnson; Romaine Pinchback; Marion Prout; Ann Lynch

*For our military, protect them from all harm.*

*For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*



**Saturday, November 29th**

4:00 PM | Fr. Avelino  
 7:00 PM | Fr. Avelino

**Sunday, November 30th**

8:00 AM | Fr. Canice  
 9:45 AM | Fr. Nicholas  
 11:30 AM | Fr. Avelino  
 1:30 PM | Fr. Avelino  
 6:00 PM | Fr. Canice



**Stewardship Report**

**November 16**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>8,502</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>	<b>1,962</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,464</b>

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Family Connection**

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews. Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

**Career Opportunities**

Interested in sharing your talent and skills with the church? The Archdiocese of Washington is looking for faith-filled employees to fill key positions at our Pastoral Center:

**Archdiocesan Coordinator of Justice and Peace:** This role will serve as a pastoral resource to support parishes in their outreach, advocacy, education, and service initiatives. This role will work with parishes in providing support and theological resources.

**Archdiocesan Coordinator of Life Issues Ministry:** The Archdiocese is hiring a Coordinator to serve as a unifying and strategic resource in the coordination of support to pastors, Parish communities, Catholic faithful and organizations within the archdiocese in their mission to defend life from conception to natural death.

For more information on these positions, please go to the Archdiocese of Washington [Career Site](#).

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## Mustang Moments

A Weekly spotlight on the Academy  
St. Matthias the Apostle  
*Rooted in Faith; Growing in Excellence*

### From the Principal – Gratitude in This Season

Greetings, St. Matthias parish family!

As we move closer to Thanksgiving, our students and staff are reflecting on the many ways God has blessed our community. In the classroom and at prayer, we are talking with the children about gratitude—not just as something we say, but as a way of living: showing kindness, being helpful, and recognizing God’s goodness in daily life.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1)

Thank you for your constant prayers and support. You help make it possible for our children to grow in faith, knowledge, and service.

### Student Success & Faith in Action

Our students are filling the hallways with gratitude! Each class is working on a schoolwide **Thanksgiving Tree**, adding leaves that name the people, blessings, and moments they are thankful for. Students are also practicing short prayers of thanksgiving to share at our next school Mass. It has been a joy to see how deeply they reflect on God’s goodness.

**Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Monique E. Bunuan**  
8th Grade Homeroom Advisor & Middle School Literature & Language



Mrs. Monique Bunuan brings over **25 years of experience in education** and has served at ASMA for the past **three years**. Born in the Philippines and having lived and studied in **Malaysia, Australia, and New York City**, she has a deep appreciation for culture, story, and formation. She has dedicated most of her career to **Catholic education** and is grateful to have found a home at the Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle.

She holds multiple degrees, including an **MA in Educational Theatre (NYU)** and an **MA in Development Education (University of Asia & the Pacific)**. Her favorite Scripture is:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind... Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37–39)

In her literature and language classroom, students dive into stories, poems, and essays, and are encouraged to think deeply and express themselves clearly. She loves our “animated and creative students” and the colleagues who are “deeply committed to the education and formation of our scholars.”

## All Souls Remembrance

Throughout November, we pray for deceased family members and friends. Join us in offering our daily prayers and Masses for those who have touched our lives. Please list the names on an All Souls envelope included in your packet. All Souls envelopes are also available in the church Vestibule.



**Please join us for Mass Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 27th  
8:30 A.M. English ~ 10:30 A.M Spanish**

**The Parish Office will close at 2:00 P.M. on  
Wednesday, Nov. 26th and will remained closed  
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27th and 28th.**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch

You are invited to participate in the welcoming of the Virgin of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego with the torch on Tuesday, November 25th at 10:00 A.M. A bilingual Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M, and at 2:00 P.M the torch will depart for its final destination at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. If anyone is interested in running, registrations are now available. If interested in ordering sweatshirts, please contact Rosario Andres: 240-603-5936.



## Teen Youth Ministry

**Fall Volunteer Opportunity:** Saint Matthias teens are invited to join Catholic Charities in serving with SHARE, a program that provides thousands of families each month with affordable, nutritious groceries across the Washington metropolitan area. Teens will help bag dry food items like potatoes, rice, and onions to prepare for monthly food distributions.

• **Sat, Dec 20, 2025 • 5:00 AM–11:00 AM**

To sign up or get more information, contact Ms. Thompson at [tompson@stmatthias.org](mailto:tompson@stmatthias.org) for permission slips and details.

**Youth Group Meetings:** Youth Ministry gathering has begun and takes place in the Hughes Center from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Please join us regularly as we would love to see all our youth (ages 14-18) for fellowship, faith, and fun! Contact Ihuoma Chikere: [ichikere16@gmail.com](mailto:ichikere16@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Youth Group Dates:

- Nov 23, 2025
- Dec 14, 28, 2025

## Advent Giving Tree



The Advent Giving Tree is the Ladies of Charity annual Christmas gift drive to help our brothers and sisters in need. We collect and distribute all donated items to Catholic Charities, Walter Reed, Shepherd’s Cove, and the homeless.

A Christmas tree is set up in the church lobby with tags on the branches that list items requested. Parishioners select a tag and then purchase the gift listed on the tag.

- Kindly return all items by **December 7th** with the tags attached.
- Please **do not wrap** the gifts.
- Gift Cards with the tag attached along with the dollar value should be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.