



## **Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church**

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### **Parish office hours:**

Monday – Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Closed on holidays.



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### **Parish office hours:**

By appointment only; please contact us before visiting!

## **4th Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022**

**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 and Wednesday at 12 noon

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 AM (all in Saint Matthew 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/](http://www.stmatthewbaltimore.org/onlinegiving/). Contact our office if you need any assistance!



## 4th Sunday of Advent Dec 18, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. There are some negatives when this happens. As I have mentioned before, our Church budget takes a hit in missing a regular Sunday collection. If you can do it and feel generous it would be wonderful to receive both a Christmas offering and the regular offering which we normally would give. Another possible negative is that some might not get a special day off work for Christmas because it falls on a Sunday. In our pastorate, we will close the office on Friday the 23rd and Monday the 26th. I also will be going on a little vacation to Canada for a few days the week after Christmas. On a positive note, this year we get the full Advent season. This is the longest Advent can be: four full weeks. I hope everybody has been having a good Advent season. Blessed Sacrament has put a lot of work into making sure they are personally and prayerfully ready to celebrate CHRIST in Christmas. A little-known fact about Advent is that December 17 is a really special day. This begins the Church's novena (nine days of special prayers) before Christmas. These are the days we use the special "O antiphons" that have been made famous in the classic hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." The readings during these nine days leading up to Christmas are also extremely focused on the Lord's birth. I encourage you to join me in making this last week before Christmas an incredibly special time to spiritually prepare for the Birthday of Jesus. God Bless you!

Peace and Love,

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 November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Terrence Skinner, 36  
Theodore Barksdale, 34  
Ralph Johnson, 36  
Kierra Cox, 28**

Sunday, December 18th

9:00 AM: **Tiffani Hays**

11:30 AM: **The Serfling Family**

Monday, December 19th

12:00 PM:

Tuesday, December 20th

7:00 AM: **Ketchner Marc**

Wednesday, December 21st

12:00 PM:

Thursday, December 22nd

7:00 AM:

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 PM: **Fr. Matt Buening**

### *Saint Matthew and Blessed Sacrament prayer list:*

**Lauren Andrews, Millie Auer, Bonnie Bethea, The Biemer family, Jovita Biemer, Ryan Blom, Gene and Andrea Bryant, Lorraine Campbell, the Capel family, Kathleen Casey, Peter Celli, Constantine Family, Kathy Cornish, David Cox, Debbie Cvach, Elizabeth Evans, Karen Fitzpatrick, Charles Focht, Mary Gombert, Shirley Groff, Seaton Haney, Tim Hirzel, Henry Holden, the Holland family, Agnes Hvisc, Danny Jenkins, Jim & Marge Kerner, Hyacinth Lee-Young, Jerry and Fay Litchenwalter, Selby Long, Keith McQuay, Austyn and Stephanie Merritt, Kenga Merritt, Cindy Metz, Jean Metz, Sam Morrison, Jack and John Murphy, Ronald Myers, Dominic Napolitano, Kathy Novak, Tommy Oswald, Lewis Payne, Paul Pedone, Veronica Ragsdale, Nancy Renner, Erin Roesch, Sr. Andre Rothschild, Nancy Ruscito, Caroline Scheide, Archer Senft, Myrtle Stanley, Lillee Thompson, Mary Ellen Vanni, Steve Wallace, Stephanie Washington, Abby Werthmann, Mary Catharine Winter, Marie Yingling, Rose Zampogna, Sharon Zepp, and Jim Zinkhan**

## Scripture Readings

For those looking for the daily scripture readings please go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading> Here you can listen to podcasts, view the refection video, or sign up for daily readings by email.

Or

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/> This website contains a little of everything not only can you find the daily mass readings but prayers and quotes, read up on articles or follow along with a plan to read the Bible in a year.



**The Memorial Service for Jackie Serfling's daughter, Tess, will be held on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew.  
10 am visitation with the family followed by Mass at 10:30 am.**



To request a Mass for your friends and family please come by the parish office during office hours or send us your request by mail. When sending in a request, please mail to 5401 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore MD 21239 and include:

- The Mass intention (if a single individual, please notate if they are **living** or **deceased**)
- If you would like the first available Mass, or Mass offered on a particular date
- Name
- Phone number
- Email
- Mass stipend (suggested donation is \$5)
- The address where you would like the Mass card mailed

### ***HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE***

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 -- CHRISTMAS EVE**

5 pm at St. Matthew Church

7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

10 am at St. Matthew Church

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 -- Mary, the Mother of God**

5 pm at St. Matthew Church

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 -- Mary, the Mother of God**

9 am at St. Matthew Church

11 am at Blessed Sacrament Church

11:30 am at St. Matthew Church



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