



## 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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### **Parish office hours:**

By appointment only; please contact us before visiting!

## **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 22, 2023**

**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!



## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### January 22, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

This past week we had an important meeting with a team from the Archdiocese and Bishop Bruce Lewondowski who, as one of our auxiliary bishops, has a focus on serving the City of Baltimore. It is part of the intense listening we are doing for the city-wide effort called, “Seek the City to Come.” This effort is all about dreaming together as the Catholic Church in the city how we can best bring about the Kingdom of God to all those around us in the present day? This means we must keep listening to what the needs are in our neighborhoods and pray for creative ways to bring Christ to others. It also means we must discern our strengths and struggles. Our strengths seem to center around our celebration of diversity and our welcoming spirit. The struggles for about every Church in the city are that our attendance is down, and we are spending increasingly more of our resources to take care of beautiful buildings built during a different time in Baltimore.

However, this is not just about population numbers, but also about priorities. The needs of the city are different than when our pastorate’s campuses were built. How do we responsibly and effectively care for our communities, build fellowship, and at the same time become missionary disciples for Jesus to those in need around us? These are not easy questions and there are no simple answers. The only thing that is crystal clear is that we cannot do it like we did 75 or 100 years ago. At that time, the model was focused on building big and beautiful Church buildings and waiting for people to come to us. We did an excellent job building the buildings, but we cannot just wait, while struggling to maintain the facilities and keep the lights on, for folks to flock to us. We must discern and listen to the Holy Spirit working through all of us to renew and re-energize our mission to evangelize and attract those who are longing for something more than this broken world can give. We must find new ways to serve the people of God all around us in material and spiritual need.

In Catholic Tradition we sometimes call this living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The works of mercy include important practical things like making sure people have shelter, food, and clothes. Making sure those who are sick, lonely, or hurting receive visits and support. We excel at making sure the immigrant, refugee, or friend from far away is welcomed. Spiritually we also have an essential work of educating, worshiping, offering forgiveness, and helping people to pray and connect with God through His Word and the Sacraments. There are challenges ahead, for sure, but embracing the adventure of religious faith in the modern world is so especially important for all of us! We will have to be creative, sacrificial, forgiving, patient, and loving if we want to renew our Church in Baltimore and make the Kingdom of God shine for all to see. We can do it together! God love you all!

Fr. Matt

#### *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 Furkins, Mary Gombert, Seaton Haney, 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, John Murphy, Ronald Myers, Dominic Napolitano, Kathy Novak, Tommy Oswald, Lewis Payne, Paul Pedone, Veronica Ragsdale, Nancy Renner, Sr. Andre Rothschild, Nancy Ruscito, Caroline Scheide, Archer Senft, Myrtle Stanley, Lilee Thompson, Mary Ellen Vanni, Steve Wallace, Stephanie Washington, Abby Werthmann, Mary Catharine Winter, Marie Yingling, Rose Zampogna, Sharon Zepp, and Jim and Teresa Zinkhan*

*“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.”*

Dustin Davis, 32  
Corey Hopkins, 39  
Jimmy Bailey, 26  
Aaron Dorsey, 18  
Joseph Kawa, 18  
Ronnie Gibson, 37  
Kwantez Henson, 23

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 AM: Nancy KalettaValleccorsa

Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

12:00 PM: Sr. Manfreda Zerman

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM: Sr. M Silvana Meregalli

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM: Sr. M. Assunta Xotta

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM: Jack Murphy

### 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 reflection 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.

Upcoming  
Events

### Book Club

**Sunday, January 29th 10:15–11:15am.**

Rectory Library

We will discuss Thomas Ryan’s Four Steps to Spiritual Freedom (chapters 5 and 6).

### Cross Cultural-Honest Conversations on Race Partnership:

Meet on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 in the Rectory Dining room:

Next meetings are **February 5 & March 5**



If you have not received any of these Sacraments, (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) you are welcome to join the RCIA group that will meet via Zoom on January 17, 2023, from 7pm to 8pm. If you are interested or need more information call Sr. Andre at 410-323-1469.



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