

**First Week of Advent****Monday, November 30th***Saint Andrew, Apostle*Daily Mass 8:30 AM: All Souls  
Daily Mass 12:00 PM: All Souls**Tuesday, December 1st**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: John Paul Foli (L)

**Wednesday, December 2nd**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Adaobi Ezeani (L)

**Thursday, December 3rd***Saint Francis Xavier*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Martine Hoba (L)

**Friday, December 4th***Saint John Damascene*

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Sybil Wilson (L)

**Saturday, December 5th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Obinna Chikere (L)

**Second Sunday of Advent****Saturday, December 5th**Mass 4:00 PM: Guadalupe Manlapaz (D)  
Mass 7:00 PM: Francisco De Leon (D)**Sunday, December 6th**Mass 8:00 AM: Peter O'Neill (D)  
Mass 9:45 AM: Alfredo V. Felix (D)  
Mass 11:30 AM: Julius Adeniyi & Tope Olaniyi (D)  
Mass 6:00 PM: Luz Naval (L)***Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish,  
our neighbors, family, and friends:***Florence Asonglefac; Elaine Brooks; Yvette Butler; Rose  
Chisefsky; Deacon Alton Davis; Charlene Dawson; Eugene  
Diggs III; Chunyere Duru; Rosita Dietrich; Helen Dziduch;  
Patricia Farland; Carole Gallo; John Graham; Genevieve  
Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus; Joseph Johnson; Edward  
Kin; Joan Kodak; Luz Naval; Gustavo Paz; Bill Pinchback;  
Bruce Prout; Jane Smidinger; Evelyn Turley; Mae Young; Ziara  
Zanin; Don Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner***For our military, protect them from all harm.******For the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.*****Stewardship Report****Due to the early printing deadline for this bulletin, the Stewardship Reports for November 22nd and 29th will be included in next week's bulletin.****The second collection for December 13th is the Retirement Fund for Religious to support retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please give to those who have given a lifetime of service to the faithful.****Items of Note at St. Matthias****Thank You,** parishioners, ministries, and individual donors for providing nonperishable food, monetary contributions, and for volunteering to make the November 21st *Thanksgiving Food Distribution* a success. As of November 19th, more than \$ 4000 has been received.**Grief Support:** The holidays are just around the corner and can be a difficult time for those grieving losses from death or other tragedies. For information about our grief support program, please contact Miriam Jacik at 301-345-6054.**Mass Intentions:** We are booking Mass Intentions for 2021. Honor family members and friends, living or deceased, with a Mass Intention. This is a special way to remember birthdays, anniversaries, and other occasions. Please stop by the parish office or call the office at 301-459-4814 to schedule a Mass Intention.**Open Windows in Church:** To comply with local and state guidelines, we need to keep the air circulating in the church when services are conducted. Fans are used, and windows must remain open. With cold weather approaching, please dress for cooler air temperatures in the church.



## The Academy of Saint Matthias

**Shopping Online?** If you purchase items through Amazon, please go to [smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Saint Matthias Catholic Church as your charity. Our school will receive a portion of your purchases as a donation. Thank you for your support!

### 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.

### Around the Archdiocese

**Help Our Marriage:** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 29th - January 31st, 2021, please visit: [3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org) or call (443) 400-7017.

## Giving Tree



**The Ladies of Charity** are sponsoring the parish Giving Tree that is located in the church vestibule. Please take a gift tag labeled with a requested item. Unwrapped and tagged gifts may be dropped off at the church or parish office by December 13th. Gifts will be donated to

area charities. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for someone in need.

## Knights of Columbus

**Tickets for the 51st Annual Car Raffle** are available at the parish office and may also be obtained from a member of the Knights of Columbus after weekend Masses. The grand prize is a 2021 Ford Mustang (or \$ 18,000 cash). Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and proceeds benefit scholarship programs and local charities. For more information, contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207.

## Advent



First Sunday in Advent

**This week marks the First Sunday of Advent.** Making 2021 the best year of your life starts with Advent. Join Matthew Kelly at Dynamic Catholic by signing up at [dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html](https://dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html) to receive short inspiring videos each day to help you slow down, think, and pray. Sign up now for this series of free daily reflections during the coming season of Advent.

### **Celebrant Mass Schedule for Dec. 5/6**

4:00 PM	Fr. Jack
7:00 PM	Fr. DeSiano
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:45 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	Fr. Canice
6:00 PM	Fr. Canice

