

Second Week of Advent

Monday, December 7th

Saint Ambrose

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Adaugo Oji** (L)
 Daily Mass 12:00 PM: **People of the Parish** (L)

Tuesday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 8:30 AM: **Agatha Ogbu** (L)
 Mass 9:45 AM: **Students & Teachers** (L)
 Mass 12:00 PM: **Homebound Parishioners** (L)
 Mass 7:00 PM: **Ladies of Charity** (L)

Wednesday, December 9th

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ihuoma Chikere** (L)

Thursday, December 10th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Deacon Joseph Testudine** (D)

Friday, December 11th

Saint Damasus I

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Patricia Unoma Agboli** (D)

Saturday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: **Ernest Jorgensen** (D)

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 12th

Mass 4:00 PM: **Paredes & Manlapaz Families** (D)
 Mass 7:00 PM: **Clare Kanofsky** (L)

Sunday, December 13th

Mass 8:00 AM: **Jeff George** (L)
 Mass 9:45 AM: **Adamma Ugoh** (D)
 Mass 11:30 AM: **Rebecca Udejiofor** (D)
 Mass 6:00 PM: **Clare Kanofsky** (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; Chunyaere 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; Humphrey Udejiofor; Bernadette Wilson, 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

November 22	Offertory	6,132
	Faith Direct	3,014
	Total	9,146
	Last Year	11,781
November 29	Offertory	6,147
	Faith Direct	3,014
	Total	9,161
	Last Year	14,119

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

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.

December Food Drive: Please bring a grocery bag of nonperishable food to Mass next weekend, December 12th/13th, or drop off your food donation at the parish office during regular business hours. The food you donate will be sent to struggling parishes in Southeast Washington, DC.



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.

From Father Milt: Blessings to you! You are in my daily prayers, especially during these difficult times. I'm now residing at Grace House Assisted Living, which provides excellent care in a comfortable environment. I miss you and appreciate your notes, cards, and phone calls.

-Father Milt Jordan

**Father Milt's Address: 3214 Norbeck Rd.,
 Silver Spring, MD 20906**



The Academy of Saint Matthias

Shopping Online? If you purchase items through Amazon, please go to [smile.Amazon.com](https://www.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!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8th
is a
Holy Day of Obligation

Schedule of Masses
8:30 AM
9:45 AM
12:00 PM
7:00 PM (Bilingual)

Family Connection

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

**The Saint Joseph Sunday Missals for 2021 are available in the parish office during regular business hours.
Cost is \$ 5.00**

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



This week marks the Second 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 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. 12/13

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