

First Week in Ordinary Time**Monday, January 11th**

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Ferris “Bo” George (D)
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Tuesday, January 12th

Mass 8:30 AM: Ijeoma Mgbam (L)

Wednesday, January 13th

Saint Hilary

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rachael Dellesandro (L)

Thursday, January 14th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Westley Douglas (L)

Friday, January 15th

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

Saturday, January 16th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Rev. William Goode (D)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, January 16th**

Mass 4:00 PM: Leonarda Altares (D)
Mass 7:00 PM: Familia Mendez Almaza (L)

Sunday, January 17th

Mass 8:00 AM: Leonarda Altares (D)
Mass 9:45 AM: Msgr. Francis Kazista (D)
Mass 11:30 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Foli (L)
Mass 6:00 PM: Gertrude M’Carthy (D)

***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; Paula Gambrell; John
Graham; Genevieve Greenfield; William Halbe; Jan Jarus;
Joseph Johnson; Edward Kin; Joan Kodak; Luz Naval;
Gustavo Paz; Bruce Prout; Audrey Rebello; Jane Smidinger;
Jean Tolnay; Evelyn Turley; Humphrey Udejiofor; Mae Young;
Ziara Zanin; Don Zehner; Rita and Eugene Zehner

For our military, protect them from all harm.

***For the faithful departed, especially Rose Roberts
Gordon and Bill Pinchback, may they rest in peace.***

Stewardship Report

2020 Christmas Gifts	20,940
Last Year	27,379

December 27

Offertory	8,800
Faith Direct	2,796
Total	11,596
Last Year	11,967

January 3

Offertory	10,609
Faith Direct	2,796
Total	13,405
Last Year	15,306

We Are Grateful For Your Generosity

Items of Note at St. Matthias

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



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

Extraordinary Results in Ordinary Time:

Please join the Doug Lawrence Fitness and Coaching Ministries for a virtual program designed to help you create physical and spiritual breakthroughs in the weeks following the Christmas season.

January 23, 9:00-10:15 AM: *Strong Body/Strong Soul*
January 30, 9:00 –10:15 AM: *Diet Makes a Difference*
February 6, 9:00-10:15 AM: *Principles of Exercise*

Register and learn more at

<http://bit.ly/douglawrenceFCM-ER>.

Recordings will be made available to registrants unable to attend at the scheduled time.

Doug studied theology and philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and obtained a Masters in Pastoral Studies from Washington Theological Union. He is a certified personal trainer through the American Council on Exercise.



The Academy of Saint Matthias

School Raffle Ticket Fundraiser: Our annual raffle begins March 1st. Each winner will receive \$ 500! Drawings will be held the 1st and 15th of each month, March through June. Tickets are \$ 10.00 each, and may be purchased after weekend Masses or at the school and parish offices.

Volunteer Needed: We are in need of a volunteer to translate (to Spanish) our weekly newsletter *Bridges* that is sent to parents. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs. Ann O'Hare at 301-577-9412 or aohare@stmatthias.org, or Mrs. Patricia Schratz at pschratz@stmatthias.org.

Family Connection

In the story of Jesus' baptism, we hear the report of a significant moment in Jesus' life. By accepting baptism from John the Baptist, Jesus shows himself to accept solidarity with sinners. In the voice from heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit, we know that God received this offering from Jesus and found it pleasing. In the passages that follow in Mark's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry.

Although many of us may have already taken down our Christmas decorations, liturgically speaking, the Christmas season hasn't ended yet; today is the last day. Holidays like Christmas are highlights of our year, moments of great grace. This grace renews us and prepares us for our return to the season of Ordinary Time, to the continuing work of discipleship.

Gather as a family and discuss your feelings about the ending of the Christmas season. How does it feel to take down the Christmas decorations? Many of us experience a letdown after the excitement of Christmas; others may feel relieved that life is returning to normal. Liturgically, we end the Christmas season today by reflecting on the importance of Jesus' baptism. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:7-11. Jesus' baptism prepared him for his public ministry. What will we take from this Christmas season to carry us forward into Ordinary Time, to renew and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship? Conclude by praying together today's psalm response taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Isaiah 12:2-6, or pray the

Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Lord, you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Message From the Pastor

My thanks to everyone who helped prepare for the Christmas Masses, and those who participated: decorators, cleaners, musicians, lectors, ushers, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, and to those who contributed to the Flower Fund and offered special Christmas Gifts. May God bless you for your faithful service and generosity. -*Father Jack*

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.

Contribution Statements for 2020 will be mailed later this month. Please notify the office of your current mailing address if you have moved recently (301-450-4814 x 201) or pford@stmatthias.org.

Faith Direct: Winter is here and snow and ice (and Covid) may affect your weekly Mass attendance. Consider electronic giving through Faith Direct. Go to www.faithdirect.net to enroll or call the toll free number 866-507-8757 for more information.



Celebrant Mass Schedule for January 16/17

4:00 PM	Fr. Jack
7:00 PM	Fr. Tim
8:00 AM	Fr. Jack
9:45 AM	Fr. Jack
11:30 AM	Fr. Nixon
6:00 PM	Fr. Jack