



## Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church

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### **Parish office hours:**

Monday – Friday: 8 AM – 4 PM

Closed on holidays.



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### **Parish office hours:**

By appointment only; please contact us before visiting!

## **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 22, 2021**

**Mass Times:** Weekends – Saturday at 5 PM (Vigil Mass at Saint Matthew)



Sunday at 9 AM (Saint Matthew) – livestream on middle Sundays

11 AM (Blessed Sacrament) – livestream on first and last Sundays

Weekdays – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 AM (St. M. 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!





# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021



*Pastor's  
Notes*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Sunday, we celebrated **the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. We usually see the Blessed Mother as a beautiful and delicate lady who only sweetly whispers. This fragile person has no real place in our hard-knock world. Most of the artistic depictions of our Blessed Mother present her as too beautiful, delicate, and fragile to be relevant in our world.

Perhaps we should take a closer look at this **determined and strong** Jewish mother rearing a child in a very difficult time in history. When she said “yes” to the Angel Gabriel, she knew that many people would never accept the idea of a virgin birth and for the rest of her life; some people would whisper about her and hold her in scorn as an adulteress. She knew that she would be at risk of being stoned as an adulteress and that Joseph could refuse to complete the wedding union. She would need to be determined and strong while teaching her Son to always trust Yahweh. Despite what happened or what people did to him, he was to be forgiving and loving. It must have been difficult to give birth in a smelly stable, run away to Egypt so that Jesus would not be massacred with the other innocent children, and to live in a foreign land for five years. It must also have been hard to return and see so many people distrust and hate her Son, to bury her beloved husband all too soon, to see Jesus falsely accused by the religious leadership, found guilty in a rigged trial, and finally tortured and murdered by an occupying Roman empire. Through it all, this determined and strong woman held on to her faith in Yahweh and in her Son’s special place in God’s heart.

**Our Blessed Mother walked by faith and not by sight and in trust in her God.** Jesus would have learned from Mary how to hold on and to suffer if that was what was required to do the will of God. He would also have learned from her to be forgiving and gentle, look beyond what our human understanding teaches, trust the wisdom of God, and to see foreigners as our brothers and sisters as he once was. Most of all, she would have taught him to be strong amid troubles and to walk in the joy of being in the presence of God. She would have taught him her song to sing every day, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has found favor with his lowly servant.” This mother and Son walked humbly before their God and people. Our Blessed Mother is more than a delicate and fragile flower. The next time you are going through a rough patch in life, you will want to have a conversation with her.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Paul

## STEWARDSHIP



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Our collections are lower during the Summer due to vacations, so if you can increase your weekly giving or make a larger gift for the Summer, it would be most appreciated! If you haven't already made a donation to our air conditioning collection, please consider doing so – every little bit helps!

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, August 22

9:00 AM: Paul Akoete Ayivi-Blibo

### Monday, August 23

7:00 AM: Sister Pier Valeria Muraro

### Tuesday, August 24

7:00 AM: Sister M. Andreina Merigo

### Wednesday, August 25

7:00 AM: Angelina Ferretto

### Thursday, August 26

7:00 AM: Sister M. Agnese Pettinato

### Saturday, August 28

5:00 PM: John Bowman

## Saint Matthew prayer list:

Bernard & Amelia Adams, Jim Augustine, Dillon Balda, Bonnie Bethea, Victoria Borland, Andrea Bryant, Brandon Bryant, Carol Burch, Lorraine Campbell, Mel Cantrell, Kathleen Casey, Kimberly Caulder, James & Elizabeth Chiracol, Peg Collins, Roy & Helen Cooper, Theresa Dietz, Trisha Dunn, Betty Gooden, Marian Griner, Joscelin Hancock, Seaton Haney, Nancy Hannah, Juliet Healy, Gwen Heemann, Kerry Heemann, Steven Heemann, Charles Hogg II, Ron Holston, Dawn Hubner, Bill, Bob, & Fran Hurley, Agnes Hvisc, Justin Jones, Mary Kambic, Wendy Kaminski, Joseph Koubek, Jackie Lhotsky, Fay Lichtenwalter, Msgr. Joseph Luca, Bill Marcello, Kenya & Stephanie Marritt, Jeanette McMillan, Cindy Metz, Jack Murphy, Alvina O'Brien, Lena O'Toole, Debbie Pasto, Rosemary Peddicord, Adria Perez, Marie Pilachowski, Butch Podgurski, Mildred Powell, Veronica Ragsdale, Barbara Reid, Sheron Roles, Wayne Schaumburg, Archer Senft, Jackie Serfling, Casey Seymour, Colleen Shannon, John Shields Jr., Michael Sprague, Myrtle Stanley, Sharon Stuckey-Williams, Hazel Teal, Frances Ubaru, Dick Ullrich, Mary Jane Vaeth, Ethel White, Marie Yingling, Alfred Lee-Young, and Rose C. Zampogna.

### Mass Readings for this week (August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>):

**Sunday, August 22**                      Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18                      Ps 34:2-3, 16-21                      Eph 5:2, 21-32                      Jn 6:60-69  
*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your Covenant with Yahweh (1)? The desertion of Disciples is a prelude to the Pascal Mystery (3). With Peter, however, let us profess our Faith in the Lord (Ps), who gave Himself up for us all (2).

**Monday, August 23**                      1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10                      Ps 149:1-6, 9                      Mt 23:13-22  
*Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin.* Paul takes delight (Ps) in the Thessalonians for their faith, hope, and love (1). Jesus reproaches the hypocrisy of His Adversaries (2).

**Tuesday, August 24**                      Rv 21:9-14                      Ps 145:10-13, 17-18                      Jn 1:45-51  
*Saint Bartholomew, Apostle.* Bartholomew acclaims Jesus as Messiah and King (Ps, 2), the Lamb of the Heavenly Jerusalem (1).

**Wednesday, August 25**                      1 Thes 2:9-13                      Ps 139:7-12                      Mt 23:27-32  
*Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest.* During all of his efforts in preaching the Gospel (1), Paul experienced the guidance of the Lord (Ps). The hypocrisy of some Pharisees condemns their pious demeanor (2).

**Thursday, August 26**                      1 Thes 3:7-13                      Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17                      Mt 24:42-51  
Paul is filled with joy (Ps) and consoled by the faith of the Thessalonians (1). May our faith keep us attentive to the Lord's Coming (2).

**Friday, August 27**                      1 Thes 4:1-8                      Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12                      Mt 25:1-13  
*Saint Monica.* We are called to holiness (1) and uprightness (Ps), so that when Jesus comes, we may be blameless in His Sight (2).

**Saturday, August 28**                      1 Thes 4:9-11                      Ps 98:1, 7-9                      Mt 25:14-30  
*Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.* Love the more completely (1), live with justice and equity for all (Ps). The believer is accountable to the Lord for responsible stewardship over all the interests (riches) of the Kingdom (2).

**Sunday, August 29**                      Dt 4:1-2, 6-8                      Ps 15:2-5                      Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27                      Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.* Through observance of the Lord's Commands, we shall experience the fullness of life (1, Ps). Living in conformity with God's Will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil (3). We are called to welcome God's Word and to let it take root in our hearts (2).



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#### Sacrificial Giving: August 14 and 15

Offertory: \$1,910.00	Loose Offertory: \$2,261.00
Poor Box: \$128.20	Extraordinary repairs: \$275.00
Assumption: \$113.00	Air conditioning: \$100.00



Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not become a full member of the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Baptized into another religion but never received any formal religious education.

At Saint Matthew, we offer an opportunity to come together and learn more about our faith journey. The sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church, personal prayer, and deepening our personal relationship with the Lord.

This process is called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A). We look forward to hearing from you soon. Don't delay! Call Sr. Andre at 850-207-4679. The sessions will begin in September!

## Parish workday – volunteers needed

**WHO:** Cheerful, energetic volunteers

**WHAT:** Spruce up our church grounds  
weeding, edging, sweeping, and pruning

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM



Bring work gloves, weeding tools,  
edgers/leaf blowers (gas or battery  
powered)

*Any amount of time you can give is appreciated.*

*Let's make our campus beautiful!*



To volunteer,

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