



Saint Matthew Roman Catholic Church

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Parish office hours:

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By appointment only; please contact us before visiting!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 26, 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.



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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/ Contact our office if you need any assistance!

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021



Fr. Matt's
message
for the
week

Dear friends in Christ,

As we gathered in the rectory to watch the Raven's game last Sunday, I noticed some old sausages that looked good, and I scarfed them all down. After the glorious victory over the Chiefs (finally!) I went to bed feeling a little queasy. That turned out not to be a good night. I woke up with chills and aches all over and other things going on not to be mentioned. On Monday I took a covid test to make sure it wasn't that and was diagnosed with food poisoning. What a bummer. I kept thinking that **Tuesday was the Feast of Saint Matthew**, and I was determined to celebrate our Daily Mass on this my first Saint Matthew's Feast Day as the pastor. Luckily, food poisoning doesn't last too long, and while I was not at 100%, I was able to come in for Mass and say hi to some of our preschoolers (always good to lift the spirits).

In a strange way this bout of illness had me **reflecting on how grateful I am to be your pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Saint Matthew**. There are so many joys of being here: The welcoming spirit extended to all people, including those who don't always feel so welcome in the Catholic Church and in society. The welcome and kindness everyone has shown to me even amid the pain and sadness of Fr. Joe's retirement. The emphasis on Catholic Social Teaching that pervades the preaching, practice, and many ministries of the parish. The dedicated and good staff and the great Cardinal Shehan school. The religious sisters who live here. The many amazing and heroic parishioners I have met, who inspire me with their faithfulness and make me want to be the best priest I can for them. Joyful liturgies that lead to a triple "Thanks Be to God!" at the end of every Mass.

At the same time, there are things that keep me up at night: the struggles of two city parishes and our need to evangelize our neighborhoods to continue to grow. The financial difficulties that so many parishes experience, especially in the face of facility and staffing issues. The serious problems so many of our parishioners and families are facing regarding health issues, relationships, worries, doubts, and financial strains. The ongoing pandemic. To be truly honest, the good stretching and wrestling going on in my soul as I encounter folks who disagree with some of the Church's teachings and strive to listen, understand, and pastorally respond in love.

Amidst the joys and struggles, I am filled with gratitude on this day because like our beloved Ravens I know that the Lord will bring us through with a glorious victory! **God bless you all!**

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Matt

"In memory of those who have lost their lives to violence in Baltimore City, may God grant them peace, and bring healing to their loved ones and to the City of Baltimore, we pray."

9/12 through 9/18:

John Gillian, 59; Pamela Pitts, 55; Chavez Goss, 20; Shabro Meridith, 29; Abraham Ludd, 22; Davon Barnes, 20; Linique Danielle Green, 28; and Melvin White, 39.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 26

9:00 AM: Sister Franca M. Surcis

Monday, September 27

7:00 AM: Sister Nunzialba Carsana

Tuesday, September 28

7:00 AM: Sister Mariangela Losa

Wednesday, September 29

7:00 AM: Sister Adelina Franzini

Thursday, September 30

7:00 AM: Sister Clemenza Barri

Saturday, October 2

5:00 PM: Sister M. Santina Costalunga

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, 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, Crystal Scroggins, 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 (September 26th – October 3rd):

Sunday, September 26 Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Moses and Jesus both attest to the fact that the work of the Spirit cannot be confined by an institution, and that no one can claim a monopoly of the Spirit's charism (1, 3), or wisdom (Ps). Beware of growing rich while neglecting the rights and needs of others (2).

Monday, September 27 Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23 Lk 9:46-50
Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest. The Prophet speaks of God's Divine Presence in love for Jerusalem (1, Ps). As Children in Christ, we are to be lowly and poor in spirit (2).

Tuesday, September 28 Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Lk 9:51-56
Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs. God's Love is Universal, embracing even the Gentiles (1, Ps). God's Love is patient, allowing sinners to repent (2).

Wednesday, September 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51
Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Let us join the countless Hosts of Angels (1) in singing the Praises of the Lord (Ps), and of His Victory over sin and death (1). They are God's Faithful Ministers (2).

Thursday, September 30 Neh 8:1-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12
Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. The Feast of Tabernacles becomes an occasion for hearing the Lord's Precepts (Ps) and for Renewing the Covenant (1). Announcement of the Kingdom may bring persecution (2).

Friday, October 1 Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. This penitential prayer speaks of infidelity and subsequent misfortune (1, Ps). Woe to those who choose self over Christ (2).

Saturday, October 2 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Mt 18:1-5, 10
The Holy Guardian Angels. The Lord chastises us to bring us to repentance (1, Ps). Even the lowliest among us is precious in God's Sight (2).

Sunday, October 3 Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Conjugal love, lived in fidelity to God's Original Plan (1, Ps), is to be one of the principal manifestations of the Kingdom proclaimed by Jesus (3). Through Baptism into Christ, we join with Him in having One and the same Father (2).



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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Youth and young adults announcements!

Programming – If you like planning activities and events for young people, including service projects, activities, mission trips, etc. If you like planning events, service, and fun then this team is for you!

Hospitality, Outreach and Accompaniment – Focuses on engagement and accompaniment: establishing and maintaining relationships with young people, connecting our larger faith community to youth inside and outside of the parish communities. If you like to help with communications, mentorship, hospitality, or just to learn what it means to accompany, please think about joining!

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Rudy Dehaney at rudy.dehaney@archbalt.org

Our See, Judge, Act High School Meetings and Confirmation will soon start again in the fall. To register, please use the link in the bulletin for faith formation and youth ministry. The first meeting for high school students starts October 3 at 3pm on zoom.

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Virtual Career Fair

**Wednesday,
September 29, 2021
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Registration required.
Sign up at: <https://www.ioscbaltimore.org/career-fair/>



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- Employers from various industries will attend.
- Be prepared to interview and discuss the available positions.
- Dress for success!

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