



SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

United by Faith



Sunday, December 26, 2021

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born
for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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Welcome!

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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sundays 8:30am & 11:00am

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**WELCOME! TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
BIENVENIDOS THANK YOU FOR COMING**

COMING UP NEXT



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Father Robby and the Parish Staff would like to wish all St. Matthew families a very *Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year*. Note, the parish office will be closed and there will be no daily Masses from Mon. Dec 27 to Fri. Dec. 31.

- Feast of the Holy Family Prayer & Luncheon

This year, the Feast of the Holy Family falls on Sunday, December 26. At the 11am Mass, we will have a *Consecration of the Holy Family*. Prayer Cards are provided. This is followed by a free **Boxed Lunch Family Luncheon** in the Social Hall at 12:15pm, provided by our *Knights of Columbus*. Please plan on attending this very special parish event during the holiday season. Questions contact Rodney Irizarry at 404-368-1487.

A big THANK YOU to our St. Matthew Family for your Advent contributions towards our community outreach programs:

- Food Drive by the Ladies of St. Matthew
- Share the Warmth Boy Scouts Blanket Drive
- Share Your Christmas Angel Tree Program
- Christmas Cookie Family Service Project
- Eno Pointe Assisted Living Christmas Cards

Your heartfelt generosity helped touch the hearts of those less fortunate this Christmas season. May God Bless you all.

- A Special ANGEL TREE Thank You

Father Robby would like to especially thank all the St. Matthew families who contributed Gifts or Gift Cards to our **Share Your Christmas** program. Thanks to your kind generosity, we were able to extend the *Light of Christ* to 17 Durham families and collect **\$1600 in Gift Cards** to be used throughout the year for people in need.

SERVICES

Saturday, December 25, Christmas

10:00 am Mass— + Shane Synan by Ingrid Synan

NO 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 26, Holy Family

8:30am Mass— for the people

11:00 am Mass - +Han Nguyen by Nga Nguyen

Monday, December 27

No Daily Mass

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

No Daily Mass

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 29

No Daily Mass , Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 30

No Daily Mass

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 31

No Daily Mass

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity Mary

Noon Mass— for the Volunteers

5:00 pm Mass - +Shane Synan by Ingrid Synan

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany

8:30am Mass— for the people

11:00 am Mass - +Helen Cooper by Ralph & Carolyn Cooper

Readings for the Week

Bible Readings for the week of December 26th, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 /Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-2

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Prayers for the Tornado Victims

From the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: "It is heartbreaking to see the destruction and devastation brought by the tornadoes that tore through the Midwest. During this season, where we await in joyful anticipation for the birth of our Lord, we pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities. May those who have been impacted by these storms find **peace, comfort, and hope** in our faith and in God's endless love. We entrust all our brothers & sisters in harm's way to our Blessed Mother, and we ask for her intercession in comforting those who are suffering. All people of good faith may help our brothers and sisters in their recovery by supporting the work of *Catholic Charities*."

Rosary for our Nation

Ignited By Truth is organizing this event to honor Our Lady of Fatima's request for First Saturdays prayers. A Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. Marian hymns will also be sung. Please join us as we pray for our country. **Saturday, January 1, 2022, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm:** St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514



Take the Catholic Trivia Quiz

Test your Christmas Knowledge:

(1) D (2) B (3) A (4) C

- 1) Which animals were mentioned in the Bible as being present in the stable when Jesus was born?: A) sheep and donkey b) cattle and donkey c) donkey, sheep and cattle d) None of these
- 2) Which of the Gospels tells the story of the Nativity?: A) Matthew B) Luke C) John D) Mark
- 3) What does the name 'Emmanuel' mean?: A) God with us B) Son of God C) the Chosen One D) the Messiah
- 2) Which of the following is not the name of one of the three Wise Men: A) Melchior B) Balthazar C) Melchizedek D) Gaspar

FAITH FORMATION 2021/2022

- Monday Women's Bible Study —cancelled Mon. Dec. 27
- Wednesdays Women—cancelled for Wed. Dec. 29
- Confirmation Prep Year 2 - Sun. Jan. 9, 9:00am, parish hall
- **Faith Formation & TYM returns Sun. Jan. 16 at 9:40am, parish hall**



Visit our Parish Website at stmatthewcc.org, or email stmatthewcomm@gmail.com for more information

Offertory

THANK YOU for your generosity & support of our Parish and its Mission!

12-12-21	\$8,680
YTD Offertory	\$145,572
YTD Budgeted	\$165,923
Year's Shortfall >	\$20,351
2020/21 Budget	\$359,500

PRAYERS

Please pray for all those suffering from illness or loss

COVID-19 delta victims, Pdraig Hartigan, Sims Roy, Joey Roy, Dave Kuboushek, Hunter Welty, Rita O'Neil, Marty Jo Kulenic, Kay Chiantera, Jackson Synan, Ray Anderson, Joseph Alvin, Ethyl McEhany, Dave Kuboushek, Dave Clark, Anthony Giaeta, Marlene Viktor, Carolee Peacock, Martin Kirwan, Marcia Geers, Jack Geers, Joseph Knapp, Margaret Kohring, Don Corbett, Elsa Alva, Yvonne Rissolo, Barbara Mach, Mike Restivo, Stephen Dominello, Warren Maschauer, Robert Kuntz, Barbara Piffle-Singletary, Cathy Lipsey, and Betty Bartch.

Pray they will be blessed with the Lord's healing peace.

Prayer Intentions will remain listed here for 4 months

Use our Website Forms to make Prayer & Mass Requests or contact the Parish Office.



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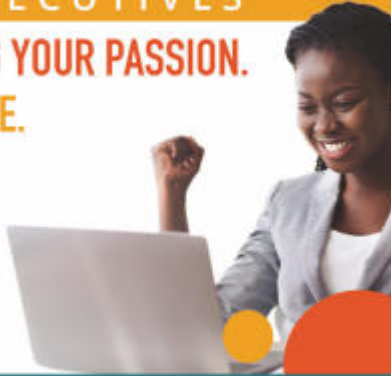
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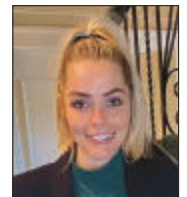
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