

**SAINT MATTHIAS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

CALENDAR:

Women's Bible Study
December 5th & 19th @ 7p,m

Men's Bible Study
December 7th & 21st @ 7pm

Sunday, December 11th
Angel Tree Wrapping Party
Parish Hall @ TBD

Saturday, December 17th
Ministry to the Homeless
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

Sunday, December 18th
Christmas Party & Potluck
Parish Hall @ 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 21st
Bunko
Parish Hall @ 7:00 pm

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DECEMBER 2022

“Anticipation and Expectation”

Historically, Advent was treated as a mini-Lent, meaning that it was a time of penance and preparation for the Feast that we await. We all seemingly understand this from the Lenten perspective, but do we sincerely grasp it with the season of Advent?

Sadly, the stores begin promoting Christmas in October and so by the time the Church enters this season it seems that Christmas is already upon us. Do not be deceived, Christmas does not begin until the clock strikes Midnight on Christmas morning. The season of Christmas begins with Christmas and journeys for twelve days until Epiphany. This is not that season, it is the season of Advent, which is one that is all about anticipation and expectation. What is the joy of the prize if there is no build up to getting it? Whether it is a new set of clothes, a bike, a car, or a house, the build up is often as important or even more so than the accomplishment.

Let us take time during this Lenten season to purge our lives of the unnecessary and to focus on the promise that God has placed before us. As we are encouraged in the First Chapter of Acts, “Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Peace and Blessings



NEWS & UPDATES

Helping Hands Items of the Month Personal



Hygiene Items

This has been an ongoing ministry of our congregation for many years. Please consider being a part of our giving to Helping Hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you to everyone who participated in our Cards for Soldiers campaign. It was a great success.
- The Angel tree is up in the Parish Hall. Let's share the love of Christ with those less fortunate this season of Holy Days.

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December 5th & 19th at 7pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

December 7th & 21st at 7pm

Saint Matthias
Christmas Party & Potluck
Sunday, Dec. 18th
5:00pm

White Elephant Gift Exchange

To participate, please bring a wrapped gift for each participant.

ANGEL TREE WRAPPING PARTY

December 11th at TBD

BUNGO

December 21st at 7pm
\$10 to Play

Server's List

10:00 am Mass

Date	12/04/2022	12/11/2022	12/18/2022	12/24/2022	12/25/2022
Reader	Megin Danna	Josh Zachary	Vicki Graska	Gerry Coppler	Valerie Bell
Altar Guild	Marguerite Brindock	Cristina Zachary	Pam Slovak	Leslie Coppler	Erica Casares
Altar Server	Steven Danna	Ryan Holmes	Preston Landman	Preston Landman	Mark Volpi
Eucharistic Minister	Jeff Gay Andrew Brindock	Bob Marcoux Yolanda Garza	Shawn Graska Emily Holmes	Emily Holmes Yolanda Garza	Mark Volpi
Usher	Erica Casares	Sherry Roe	Erv Slovak	Bill Fries	Sherry Roe
Parish Council	Jeff Gay	Marc Holmes	Frank Kopec		Mark Volpi

Advertisements

Brothers and sisters:
 You know the time;
 it is the hour now for you to
 awake from sleep.
 For our salvation is nearer now
 than when we first believed;
 the night is advanced, the day is
 at hand.
 Let us then throw off the works
 of darkness
 and put on the armor of light;
 let us conduct ourselves
 properly as in the day,
 not in orgies and drunkenness,
 not in promiscuity and lust,
 not in rivalry and jealousy.
 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
 and make no provision for the
 desires of the flesh.

Romans 13:11-14



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The Angel Tree is located in the Parish Hall. Take as many angels as you want, and return unwrapped gifts by December 11th.



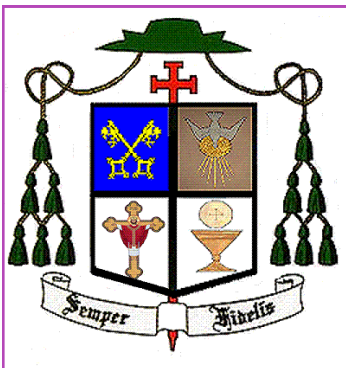
Saint Matthias Catholic Church

116 Kenway St
 Rockwall, TX 75087
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Sunday English Mass.....8:00 am &
 10:00 am

Confession.....Available by appointment

No childcare until further notice.



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Office Hours

Please call to make an appointment..